

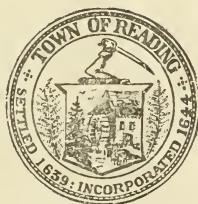


READING, MASSACHUSETTS

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# Annual Report



TOWN OF  
**READING**  
MASSACHUSETTS

For the Year Ended December 31

1943

## Town Officers

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### Board of Selectmen

HERBERT K. MILLER, Chairman	Term expires	1944
KENNETH C. LATHAM, Secretary	" "	1945
CHARLES E. WILKINSON	" "	1946
LEON G. BENT, Clerk		

### Board of Public Welfare

JOSEPH D. KNIGHT, Chairman	Term expires	1945
MILES C. HIGGINS, Secretary	" "	1946
*CHARLES E. WILKINSON	" "	1944
†CLARENCE J. STALLIDAY	" "	1944
EDWARD E. HARNDEN, Secretary and Superintendent		
GLADYS M. WILSON, Visitor		

### Bureau of Old Age Assistance

JOSEPH D. KNIGHT, Chairman	Term expires	1945
*CHARLES E. WILKINSON	" "	1944
†CLARENCE J. STALLIDAY	" "	1944
MILES C. HIGGINS	" "	1946
EDWARD E. HARNDEN, Director		
VIRGINIA C. SMITH, Secretary		
MARY F. DANIEL and RUTH C. SCHOLZ, Visitors		

### Board of Assessors

HAROLD B. CURRELL, Chairman	Term expires	1944
FRANK E. GRAY, Secretary	" "	1945
ARTHUR S. COOK	" "	1946

#### Town Clerk

NORMAN P. CHARLES

#### Town Counsel

SAMUEL H. DAVIS

#### Moderator

CHARLES P. HOWARD

#### Treasurer

PRESTON F. NICHOLS

#### Collector of Taxes

WILLIAM E. MORRISON

#### Town Accountant

LEON G. BENT

### Soldiers' Relief Agent

CHARLES W. H. SMITH

\*Resigned.

†Elected to fill vacancy.



### **Board of Public Works**

WENDELL P. DAVIS, Chairman	Term expires	1945
*EDWARD A. BROPHY, Secretary	" "	1946
ALEXANDER LINDSAY	" "	1945
EDWARD TEER	" "	1944
GILBERT M. LOTHROP	" "	1946
PHILIP P. WELCH, Superintendent		

### **Board of Health**

EDWARD M. HALLIGAN, M.D., Chairman	Term expires	1946
CHRISTINE F. ATKINSON, Secretary	" "	1945
CHARLES R. BAISLEY, M.D.	" "	1944

### **Finance Committee**

W. GARDNER LONG, Chairman	Term expires	1945
MELVIN S. CROSBY	" "	1944
GEORGE E. CURTIS	" "	1944
ROBERT M. FOLSOM	" "	1944
WALTER M. FOWLER	" "	1944
G. LAWRENCE ROBERTS	" "	1944
LOUIS DAVIS	" "	1945
ROBERT E. FOWLE	" "	1945
JAMES R. MERCER, Jr.	" "	1945
LAWRENCE J. RUST	" "	1945
WILLIAM A. CONNELLY, D.M.D.	" "	1946
JOHN L. DEVANEY	" "	1946
BENJAMIN HOWE	" "	1946
CLARENCE M. KIMBALL	" "	1946
ALLAN H. STURGES	" "	1946
LEON G. BENT, Clerk		

### **School Committee**

*RALPH W. ALLEN, Chairman	Term expires	1945
IRVING C. AUSTIN, Chm. from Oct. 1943	" "	1944
MARGARET S. CANTY	" "	1945
NORMAN L. DUNCAN	" "	1946
EDITH W. HOLCOMB	" "	1946
BERNARD L. MAXWELL	" "	1944
ELBRIDGE C. GROVER, Ph.D., Secty.		

### **Superintendent of Schools**

ELBRIDGE C. GROVER, Ph.D.

### **Attendance Officer**

JEAN F. RAMSAY

\*Resigned

**School Physician****School Nurse**

‡CHARLES R. HENDERSON, M.D. MARGARET B. CLEWLEY  
§THOMAS F. HALPIN, M.D.

**Municipal Light Board**

HENRY R. JOHNSON, Chairman	Term expires 1944
LOUIS ELLENWOOD, Secretary	" " 1946
HERBERT G. EVANS	" " 1945
ARTHUR G. SIAS, Manager	

**Board of Registrars**

JAMES H. FLEMING, Chairman	Term expires 1945
WALTER A. SCANLON, Secretary	" " 1946
ROBERT S. RALSTON	" " 1944
NORMAN P. CHARLES, Clerk	

**Board of Cemetery Trustees**

CLARENCE C. WHITE, Chairman	Term expires 1944
FRED L. NUTTER, Secretary	" " 1946
HARRY C. BARR	" " 1945
FRANK L. EDGERLEY	" " 1946
ARTHUR MICHELINI	" " 1945
JAMES W. FAIRCHILD	" " 1944

**Planning Board**

A. LLOYD DAVID, Chairman	Term expires 1945
GEORGE B. PEASE, Secretary	" " 1944
WALTER D. BERRY	" " 1946
WINTHROP D. PARKER	" " 1946
PHILIP R. WHITE	" " 1944

**Library Trustees**

A. IMRIE DIXON, Chairman	Term expires 1944
CATHERINE C. PIERCE, Secretary	" " 1945
SYDNEY M. HODSON	" " 1946
ISABEL G. HEDGES	" " 1944
WILLIAM J. TONKS	" " 1945
C. NELSON BISHOP	" " 1946

**Commissioners of Trust Funds**

H. RAYMOND JOHNSON, Chairman	Term expires 1949
CLARENCE C. WHITE	" " 1945
ROBERT M. BROWN	" " 1947

Town Treasurer and Chairman of Selectmen, members ex-officiis.

**Board of Appeal**

BENJAMIN B. PIPER, Chairman	Term expires 1945
FRED L. NUTTER, Secretary	" " 1946
DUDLEY B. KILLAM	" " 1944

\*Resigned.

‡Deceased.

§Appointed to fill vacancy.

• **Associate Members of Board of Appeal**

HERBERT T. SCHOPPELRY	Term expires 1945
CLIFTON S. NICHOLS	" " 1944
HOWARD T. CLINCH	" " 1946

<b>Inspector of Milk and Food</b>	<b>Sealer of Weights and Measures</b>
CARL M. SMITH	CARL M. SMITH

**Inspector of Plumbing and Gas Inspector**  
DAVID MARTIN

<b>Inspector of Animals</b>	<b>Game Warden</b>
GARDINER A. LESTER, D.V.M.	JAMES T. PUTNAM
<b>Dog Officer</b>	<b>Inspector of Buildings</b>
CHARLES H. MELENDY	GEORGE H. SIDEBOTTOM
<b>Superintendent of Moth Work and Tree Warden</b>	
MAURICE H. DONEGAN	

**Burial Agent, Soldiers and Sailors**  
CHARLES E. TASNEY

**Custodian of Soldiers' Graves**  
HARRY A. TURNER

<b>Forest Warden</b>	<b>Deputy Forest Warden</b>
HUGH L. EAMES	MAURICE H. DONEGAN

**Constables**

LEON G. BENT	J. WINTHROP SIAS
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**Insurance Committee**

Consists of Board of Selectmen, Town Treasurer and  
Chairman of Finance Committee

**Law Committee**

Consists of the Chairman of the following Boards: Board of Selectmen,  
Board of Assessors, Board of Health, Board of Public Welfare, School  
Committee, Board of Public Works, Municipal Light Board.

**1943 Ration Board Roster**

HERBERT C. TOWLE, Chairman

<b>Gasoline</b>	<b>Fuel Oil</b>
ROLAND B. HOAG, Chairman	FREDERICK H. TRUE, Chairman
LESTER J. IVERS	STANLEY F. MAXWELL
CLEVELAND W. BRADLEY	
EARL S. SAMPSON	
JOSEPH E. ROBINSON	

<b>Food</b>	<b>Price</b>
CLEVELAND W. BRADLEY	IRVING D. JEWETT
HARRY G. PORCH	HORACE A. BAILEY
	BENJAMIN B. PIPER
	GEORGE F. FOGG

### **Police Department**

JEREMIAH CULLINANE, Chief

#### **Sergeants**

FRANCIS L. JOHNSON

FRANCIS T. SLACK

#### **Patrolmen**

TIMOTHY J. CULLINANE

EARL R. HUTCHINSON

ARTHUR M. CURTIN

JAMES H. LAWLER

ROLAND E. ELLIS

PATRICK J. LONG

FRANK R. FISHER

†GORDON G. MacINTIRE

THOMAS J. FITZPATRICK

HAROLD W. O'BRIEN

JOSEPH M. GREENE

PATRICK J. PANTANO

THOMAS E. WALL

‡JOHN R. CONDON

†Retired. ‡Appointed Dec., 1943.

#### **Keeper of the Lock-Up**

JEREMIAH CULLINANE

#### **Fire Department**

HUGH L. EAMES, Chief

JOHN J. O'BRIEN, Deputy Chief

CHARLES H. HESELTON, Captain

GEORGE W. GOODRIDGE

HERBERT L. ROBERTSON, Lieut.

LEWIS C. HOLDEN

NELSON P. O'BRIEN

†ELMER A. DYKENS

‡LESLIE C. HADLEY

JAMES S. PERRY

§ALBERT C. MAXWELL

†Retired. ‡Appointed April, 1943. §Leave of absence.

#### **Call Men**

JOSEPH ARSENAULT

FRANK H. HESELTON, Lieut.

GEORGE F. BAXTER

H. HARVEY QUIGLEY

HOWARD E. BUSSELL

JOHN H. RAMSAY

ANDREW B. BUTTERS

HERMAN L. REISSLE

JOHN J. CARNEY

GEORGE G. ROGERS

CHARLES N. CHASE

§BERNARD SCHIMPFKE

WILLIAM H. GAY, Capt.

G. WARREN SPRAGUE

J. LOUIS GOODRIDGE

F. LIONEL SPRINGFORD

¶E. CHESTER GOODWIN

W. REGINALD VanHORN

§CLIFFORD LITCHFIELD

GEORGE ZANNI

#### **Substitute Call Men**

DeMELLE G. GAREY

ROBERT M. SHANNON

CLEMENT T. GLEASON

JOHN A. SPURR

JAMES R. MERCER, Jr.

WINFRED F. SPURR

RALPH E. VanHORN

GEORGE F. FOGG

†Retired. ‡Appointed April, 1943. §Leave of absence. ¶¶For duration.



**Superintendent of Fire Alarm**

HUGH L. EAMES

**Inspector of Wires**

§ALBERT C. MAXWELL

¶CHARLES F. TREVOR

**Measurers of Lumber**

WILLIAM R. ZWICKER

#BURTON K. SYMONDS

\*\*EDWARD A. BROPHY

**Weighers of Coal and Hay**

THOMAS E. BROGAN

BERTHA D. MacLELLAN

CHARLES W. LEE

WENDELL B. NEWELL

MABEL L. McKAY

PERCY N. SWEETSER

HENRY C. FLOYD

**Measurers of Wood and Bark**

PERCY N. SWEETSER

#BURTON K. SYMONDS

THOMAS F. BROGAN

§Leave of absence. ¶For duration. #Deceased. \*\*Moved from town.

**Field Drivers**

ERNEST T. WAKEFIELD

ADOLPH S. LARSON

EDWARD E. NICHOLS

**Fence Viewers**

WENDELL B. NEWELL

CARL B. SAWYER

WARREN F. CHARLES

**Committee on Elm Tree Protection**

ANDREW CHRISTENSEN

MAURICE H. DONEGAN

JOHN F. SAWYER

**Committee on Town Forests**

LELAND W. KINGMAN

Term expires 1946

HENRY M. DONEGAN

" " 1945

ORVILLE O. ORDWAY

" " 1944

**Tercentenary Committee**

Edward F. Parker, Chairman

Frank D. Tanner

Victor E. Pitkin

Ethel F. Johnson

Winthrop D. Parker

**Post-War Planning Committee**

George B. Pease, Chairman

Wendell P. Davis

W. Gardner Long

H. Wilson Powers

Irving C. Austin

Frank D. Tanner

Ralph G. Babcock, Secy.

### **Capital Expenditures Planning Committee**

Walter D. Berry, Chairman

Charles E. Wilkinson	John L. Devaney
Wendell P. Davis	Louis Ellenwood
William J. Tonks	James W. Fairchild
H. Raymond Johnson	Miles C. Higgins
Harold B. Currell	Bernard L. Maxwell
Edward M. Halligan, M.D.	Samuel H. Davis
Preston F. Nichols	Leon G. Bent

### **Salvage Committee**

Otis B. Ruggles, Chairman

C. Nelson Bishop	Arthur G. Sias
William T. Fairclough	Harry E. Smith
Christie W. Fowle	Harmon D. Smith
John L. Griffin	Mollie A. Sweetser
Marion V. Harrington	Philip P. Welch
Elmer J. Larson	Charles F. Trevor, Secy.

### **Recreation Committee**

Gilbert M. Lothrop, Chairman

Herbert K. Miller	Edith W. Holcomb
	Charles F. Lancaster, D.D.

### **Special Police Officers**

JOHN F. MAGUIRE	Reading High School
PERCY W. CURTIS	Reading High School
WILLIAM A. LLOYD	Lowell St. School
EDWARD W. McBRIAN	Pearl St. School
WALTER C. SMITH	Jr. High School
SIMON CASTINE	Pearl St. School
FREDERICK L. RIESSLE	Jr. High School
JAMES L. HEALEY	Highland School
W. RAY YORKE	Highland School
LEANDER SMITH	Prospect and Chestnut Hill Schools
WILLIAM H. KILLAM	Masonic Block
GROVER C. EATON	Pumping Station
RALPH F. PLOUFF	Methodist Church
JOHN E. CHASE	Unitarian Church and Com. Hall
EDWARD E. HARNDEN	Center School Building

CHARLES L. GOWING, Jr.	Reading Theatre
WILLIAM SLACK	Town Dump
FREDERICK W. BURNS	Town Forest
CHARLES E. LANGDON	Odd Fellows Bldg.
M. RUSSELL MEIKLE	Reading Rifle and Revolver Club
WILLIAM M. RICHARDS	Baptist Church and 1st Nat. Bank Bldg.
JACOB C. NEILSON	Skating Pond
HENRY O. BALLOU	Municipal Building and Library
GEORGE G. ROGERS	Legion House
DONALD N. TUTTLE	Salem and Pearl Streets
LLOYD G. STOTT	Meadowbrook Golf Club
JAMES T. PUTNAM	Pumping Station and Vicinity P. W. Property
WILLIAM P. PIERPONT	
CHARLES H. MELENDY	
J. EDWARD BLACK	
J. WINTHROP SIAS	
GEORGE W. HALL	
WILLIAM H. MILLER	
HUGH L. EAMES	
CHARLES E. HILTS	

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## Statistics

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Population, census of 1940, 10,866.

Registered Voters: Male 2886, Female 3047; Total 5933.

Eighth Congressional District.

Sixth Councillor District.

Seventh Middlesex Senatorial District.

Eighteenth Middlesex Representative District.

Representative in Congress, 8th District, Angier L. Goodwin, Melrose.

Councillor 6th District, Theodore P. Hollis, Stoneham.

Senator 7th Middlesex District, Arthur W. Coolidge, Reading.

Representatives 18th Middlesex District, Logan R. Dickie, Reading,  
and Herman P. Peterson, Woburn.

## List of Jurors for 1943-1944

Prepared by the Board of Selectmen.

Name	Occupation	Residence
<b>List of Jurors</b>		
Abbott, H. Kingman, Civil Engineer		14 Bancroft Ave.
Allard, Ernest W., Accountant		8 Wells Rd.
Allen, Lawrence W., Bank Clerk		58 Temple St.
Anderson, Carl E., Florist		362 Summer Ave.
Babcock, Ralph G., Office Manager		28 Berkeley St.
Bailey, Bertrand W., Manager		294 Summer Ave.
Baker, Roy E., Supervisor		31 Avon St.
Barber, Dana H., Engineer		12 Hampshire Rd.
Barnes, Arthur R., Jr., Civil Engineer		37 Willow St.
Barris, George R., Fuel Oil Engineer		54 Temple St.
Bates, Herman M., Accountant		169 Summer Ave.
Beeler, Howard A., Engineer		57 Scotland Rd.
Bird, Willis F., Salesman		97 Franklin St.
Blois, Irving G., Cashier		375 Lowell St.
Brophy, Edward A., Excavating Eng.		942 Main St.
Burchard, Edgar R., Messenger		52 Prescott St.
Burnham, Vaughan F., Govt. Storekeeper		89 Highland St.
Burns, William A., Plasterer		534 Franklin St.
Cahill, Joseph E., Shoecutter		87 Bancroft Ave.
Canty, Elliott J., Storekeeper		43 Prescott St.
Cate, Frank C., Paper Merchant		40 Ellis Ave.
Charles, Norman P., Merchant		83 Bancroft Ave.
Chesley, Richard B., Salesman		50 Pratt St.
Clark, Joseph R., Bookkeeper		81 Ash St.
Clinch, Howard T., Architect		4 Perkins Ave.
Clough, George H., Manufacturer		19 Perkins Ave.
Cogger, Harold W., Maintenance		9 Cross St.
Collins, Frank J., Dept. Head		11 Beech St.
Crafts, Clinton W., Clerk		277 Summer Ave.
Crowe, Howard W., Clerk		14 Bunker Ave.
Currier, Robert G., Security Analyst		393 Summer Ave.
Curtis, George E., Asst. Supt.		58 Grand St.
Cutcliffe, Winthrop L., Insurance Broker		15 Belmont St.
David, A. Lloyd, Asst. Secretary		70 Howard St.
Davis, Wendell P., Manager		155 Woburn St.
Day, William R., Gas Station Manager		36 Chute St.
Denno, Myles A., Govt. Real Estate		417 Summer Ave.
Dobbins, Andrew C., Foreman		72 Green St.
Doucette, Clarence L., Asst. Traffic Mgr.		13 Wenda St.



Dunn, Frank J., Foreman	150 Pleasant St.
Eagleston, Fred O., Tel. Installer	10 Thorndike St.
Estabrook, Alvin E., Engineer	62 Temple St.
Fairchild, James W., Banker	1170 Main St.
Flaherty, John M., New Eng. Gas.	58 Bay State Rd.
Foster, Hamilton S., Salesman	385 Summer Ave.
Fowle, Robert E., Physiotherapist	3 Perkins Ave.
Fowler, Walter M., Insurance	38 Fairmount Ave.
Frazier, John L., P. O. Clerk	87 Ash St.
Frederickson, Arthur V., Test Man	266 Lowell St.
Gale, Roger D., Superintendent	30 Dudley St.
Gerard, Stanley R., X-ray Technician	101 Hanscom Ave.
Godfrey, Charles L., Treasurer	16 Lee St.
Greenleaf, Emmett F., General Agent	23 Weston Rd.
Hall, Burt S., Civil Engineer	25 Prescott St.
Harnden, Edward E., Supervisor	311 Summer Ave.
Herrick, Edward O., Service Manager	15 Kingston St.
Hersee, David E., Banker	38 Weston Rd.
Higgins, Linville H., Salesman	11 Echo Ave.
Higgins, Miles C., Treasurer	8 Sanborn St.
Hilts, Charles E., Embalmer	831 Main St.
Hitchcock, Frank T., Jr., Technical Engineer	276 Woburn St.
Hogan, Roderick M., Foreman	20 Summer Ave.
Holmes, Lawton G., Organ Pipe Maker	228 Pleasant St.
Hoyt, Carl H., Toolmaker	90 Washington St.
Hurt, Adelbert F., Insurance Agent	41 Walnut St.
Ivers, Lester L., Insurance Adjuster	21 Kingston St.
Jackson, Edward K., Insurance Underwriter	218 West St.
Jacob, Henry P., Treasurer	10 Longview Rd.
Jeffrey, William G., Voicer	42 Locust St.
Johnson, Charles E., Salesman	39 Wescroft Rd.
Johnson, Ernest S., Auditor	16 California Rd.
Jones, Elmer D., Receiving Clerk	24 Charles St.
Kevorkian, Edwin A., Rug Merchant	13 Freemont St.
Kingman, Chester E., Retired	12 Sanborn St.
Kingman, Leland W., Business Manager	62 Sanborn St.
Knight, Joseph D., Security Salesman	25 Bancroft Ave.
Latham, Oliver, Salesman	78 Prescott St.
Leavitt, Ernest R., Sr., Accountant	11 Ridge Rd.
Lenfest, Arthur M., Advertising	8 Copeland Ave.
Lester, Henry R., Silversmith	428 Summer Ave.
Litchfield, Benjamin, Bank Clerk	29 Pennsylvania Ave.
Mansell, Walter H., Chief Electrician	9 Pennsylvania Ave.
Marchetti, Leo, Clerk	30 Bolton St.
Maxwell, Stanley F., Clerk	39 Berkeley St.

McDonald, Oscar E., Telephone Testman	23 Lee St.
Meikle, M. Russell, Insurance Buyer	141 Grove St.
Mercer, James R., Jr., Teller	218 West St.
Miller, F. Warren, Salesman	47 Prescott St.
Milton, Henry C., Salesman	281 Summer Ave.
Miner, Paul H., Insurance	14 Wescroft Rd.
Moores, Charles A., Accountant	49 Fairview Ave.
Newell, Harry R., Factory Tempoy	172 Washington St.
Nichols, Clifton S., Credit Man	17 School St.
Norton, Robert D., Bank Clerk	19 Sunnyside Ave.
O'Brien, Philip H., Garage Owner	30 Spring St.
Petkewich, William, Retired	87 Howard St.
Pierpont, Niles W., Salesman	94 Salem St.
Pinkham, Carl W., Inspector	128 Pleasant St.
Plouff, Ralph F., Mechanic	4 Morgan Park
Pooock, Henry R., Shipper	53 Federal St.
Pratt, Lyman E., Cashier	123 Salem St.
Quigley, H. Harvey, Assistant	319 Main St.
Riley, George J., Bank Teller	66 Hancock St.
Rowell, Walter L., Clerk	202 Bancroft Ave.
Ruggles, Carter K., Advertising	89 King St.
Sargent, Albert E., Military Archivist	18 Oak St.
Sawyer, Carl B., Merchant	236 Summer Ave.
Sawyer, John F., Manager	8 Arlington St.
Smith, Harmon D., District Manager	32 Wescroft Rd.
Smith, Ralph W., Salesman	22 Scotland Rd.
Spurr, Winfred F., Asst. Manager	5 Woodward Ave.
Stevens, Chester D., Statistician	100 Franklin St.
Schimpfke, Joseph C., Jr., Meat Cutter	179 West St.
St. Louis, William J., Foreman	158 Woburn St.
Sussmann, Rudolf, School Principal	187 West St.
Sweetser, Charles N., Manufacturer	7 Gilmore Ave.
Tasney, Charles E., Collector	7 Gould St.
Taylor, Edward J., Cashier	13 Forest St.
Toothaker, Raymond D., Superintendent	12 Hunt St.
Weston, Harold L., Florist	69 Locust St.
Woodward, E. Whitcomb, Bank Clerk	60 Highland St.
Whelpley, George E., Clerk	430 West St.
Williamson, Alexander, Real Estate	79 Grand St.
Woodside, A. Clifford, Jr., Ins. Underwriter	773 Main St.
Wooldridge, Herbert J., Electrician	156 High St.

HERBERT K. MILLER,  
KENNETH C. LATHAM,  
CHAS. E. WILKINSON,

June 28, 1943

Selectmen of Reading, Mass.

## Report of The Town Clerk

### TOWN WARRANT

(Seal)

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

To either of the Constables of the Town of Reading, Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Reading, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet in Security Hall, Woburn Street, in said Reading on

MONDAY, THE FIRST DAY OF MARCH, A.D., 1943

at seven o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following article, viz:

Article 1. To bring in their votes on one ballot for Moderator, for one year, Town Clerk, for one year; one member of the Board of Selectmen, for three years; one member of the Board of Public Welfare, for three years; one member of the Board of Assessors, for three years; Treasurer, for one year; Collector of Taxes, for one year; two members of the Board of Public Works, for three years; two Constables, for one year; one member of the Municipal Light Board, for three years; one member of the Board of Health, for one year; one member of the Board of Health for three years; two members of the School Committee, for three years; two Trustees of the Public Library, for three years; one Trustee of the Public Library, for two years; two members of the Planning Board, for three years; one member of the Planning Board, for one year; two members of the Board of Cemetery Trustees, for three years; one member of the Board of Cemetery Trustees, for one year.

And to bring in their votes "Yes" or "No" on the following questions:

"Shall an act passed by the general court in the year nineteen hundred and forty-three, entitled 'an act establishing in the town of Reading representative town government by limited town meetings,' be accepted by this town?"

And to meet in Security Hall, Woburn Street, on Monday, the eighth day of March, A.D., 1943, at seven forty-five o'clock in the evening to act on the following articles:

Article 2. To hear and act on the reports of the Board of Selectmen, Town Accountant, Treasurer, Collector of Taxes, Board of Assessors, Board of Public Works, Town Clerk, Tree Warden, Board of Health, Board of Public Welfare, School Committee, Public Library Trustees, Municipal Light Board, Cemetery Trustees, Planning Board, Finance Committee, Contributory Retirement Board, and any other Boards or Special Committees.

Article 3. To choose all other necessary town officers and special committees and determine what instructions shall be given town officers and special committees.

Article 4. To determine how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for General Government, Protection of Persons and Property, Health and Sanitation, Board of Public Works, including Highways, Sidewalks, Drainage, Common Parks and Supervised Play, Water Department and Sewer Department, Public Dumps, Charities and Aid, Soldiers' Benefits, Public Schools, Public Library, Cemeteries, Memorial Day Observance, Municipal Light Department, Street Lighting, Maturing Debt, Interest, Insurance, Contributory Retirement System, and General Accounts.

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1944, and to issue a note or notes therefor payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, General Laws.

Town Treasurer

Article 6. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for the purpose of foreclosing in the Land Court pursuant to provisions of Section 65 of Chapter 60 of the General Laws, the right of redemption to any and all real estate taken by the Town for non-payment of taxes, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Town Treasurer

Article 7. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for the Reserve Fund as provided by Section 6, Chapter 40, General Laws, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Town Accountant

Article 8. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of six hundred dollars (\$600.00) for the care of graves of any persons who have served in the Army, Navy or Marine Corps of the United States, in time of war or insurrection, and who have been honorably discharged from such service, as provided by Section 22, Chapter 115, General Laws, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 9. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for the preparation and printing of a Street List for the year 1943, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell or otherwise dispose of, upon such terms and conditions as they may determine, all the W. P. A. equipment and personal property, consisting in part of four automobile trucks, two pumps, one air compressor outfit and miscellaneous lot of tools and appliances or what it will do in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 11. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate by borrowing or otherwise a sum sufficient to pay the County of Middlesex as



required by law on account of assessment levied on the Town for its share of the maintenance, care and repair and other lawful expenses incurred in 1942 for the Middlesex County Sanatorium or what it will do in relation thereto. Board of Selectmen

Article 12. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate to reimburse Police Officer, Joseph M. Greene for medical expenses incurred by him as a result of injuries sustained on February 7, 1942, while in the actual performance of his duties, or what it will do in relation thereto. Board of Selectmen

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Article 3A of Chapter 115 of the General Laws, being an act regulating the payment of State and Military Aid and Soldiers' Relief, or what it will do in relation thereto. Board of Selectmen

Article 14. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for the purpose of removing from the Union Street School to the Center School the partitions, furniture, fixtures and other office equipment of the Board of Public Welfare, and for the making of alterations and improvements necessary therefor in the Center School, or what it will do in relation thereto. Board of Public Welfare

Article 15. To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate from the Cemetery Reserve for the permanent development of Laurel Hill and Forest Glen Cemeteries, or what it will do in relation thereto. Cemetery Trustees

Article 16. To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate from available funds for the purpose of maintaining, repairing, purchasing and operating road machinery and equipment for the use of and under the direction of the Board of Public Works, or what it will do in relation thereto. Board of Public Works

Article 17. To see what action the Town will take regarding the installation of additional street lights on the public streets during the year 1943, or what it will do in relation thereto. Municipal Light Dept.

Article 18. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for the preparation of plans, surveys and specifications and for such architectural and engineering advice and services, which may be deemed necessary for the design of a new Senior High School, or what it will do in relation thereto. School Committee

Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the School Committee to sell or otherwise dispose of, upon such terms and conditions as they may determine, so many of the school typewriters as they may deem advisable, not exceeding, however, thirty per cent thereof, for the purpose of co-operating with the U. S. Government in the War Emergency, or what it will do in relation thereto. School Committee

Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to authorize and empower the Board of Selectmen to secure as headquarters for Reading Post

62 of the American Legion the premises situated on the Westerly side of Ash Street known as Victory House and to raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen hundred (\$1,500.00) dollars as rent for such premises for the term of one year, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Lester L. Ivers and others

Article 21. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for further development of the Town Forest, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Committee on Re-Forestation

Article 22. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of four hundred dollars (\$400.00) for Child Welfare Work, to be expended under the direction of the Reading Visiting Nurse Association, and the Board of Health, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Frances K. Wright and others

The polls at the election March 1, will open at 7 o'clock A. M. and will close at 8 o'clock P. M.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting an attested copy thereof in at least ten public places in the Town not less than seven days prior to March 1, 1943, the date set for the meeting in said Warrant, and to cause this warrant to be published in the Reading Chronicle one day at least prior to said date.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at or before the time appointed for said meeting.

Given under our hands this nineteenth day of February, A.D., 1943.

CARL W. GOODRIDGE,

HERBERT K. MILLER,

KENNETH C. LATHAM,

Selectmen of Reading

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### Constable's Return

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Middlesex, ss

Reading, Mass., Feb. 22, 1943

By virtue of this warrant, I this day notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Reading to meet in the place, and at the time specified in this Warrant, by posting attested copies in the following Public Places within the Town of Reading:

Municipal Building

Austins' Lunch

Reading Police Station

Danforth's Drug Store

Reading Fire Station No. 1

M. F. Charles & Sons' Store

Reading Fire Station No. 2

Haven Spa

Masonic Building

B. & M. Railroad Station

Lyceum Hall Building

Ainsworth's Store

Odd Fellows Building

The same being not less than seven days prior to March 1st, the date set for said meeting.

I also caused the same to be published in the Reading Chronicle, date of February 26th, the same being at least one day prior to said date.

Signed,

J. W. SIAS,  
Constable of Reading

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### ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION

Security Hall,

March 1, 1943

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant and the Constable's return thereon, a Town Meeting was held at the place and time specified and was called to order by the Moderator, Charles P. Howard.

The warrant was partially read by the Town Clerk, when on motion of James W. Sias, it was voted to dispense with further reading of the warrant except the constables' return, which was then read by the Town Clerk.

The ballot boxes were inspected by the Constable in charge, and found to be empty and registered 0000.

The polls were then declared open in due form.

The following persons were appointed to serve as Election Officers, and sworn by the Town Clerk:

#### Ballot Boxes

Alice Bowman	15 Puritan Rd.
Jessie N. Thaxter	11 Winter St.

#### Ballot Clerks

Gladys R. Dickinson	25 Arlington St.
Catherine V. Wright	21 Arlington St.

#### Checkers

R. Mabel E. Bennett	38 Highland St.
R. M. Louise Classen	31 Village St.
D. Nellie E. Whelton	7 High St.
D. Catherine E. Reilly	67 Mineral St.
R. Edna S. Herrick	1243 Main St.
R. Harriett P. Leuchtman	18 Belmont St.
D. Catherine L. Doherty	111 Green St.
R. Mary C. Horrocks	63 Highland St.
D. Mary C. Barrett	38 Warren Ave.

#### Counters

R. Charles R. Herrick	1243 Main St.
R. Helen A. Titcomb	68 Longfellow Rd.
D. Mary E. Doran	33 Orange St.
R. Harold M. Flater	33 Minot St.

R. Charles C. Wakefield	22 Mt. Vernon St.
R. Dorothy A. Ambler	256 Lowell St.
D. Harriet R. Cummings	22 Haven St.
R. Sadie B. Riseman	96 Washington St.
R. Edith A. Moses	33 Dudley St.
D. Rose A. Gadbois	8 Maple St.
R. Marie M. Day	18 Elm St.
D. Margaret F. Friedlander	21 Sanborn St.
D. Catherine G. Doucette	24 Middlesex Ave.
D. Edgar Davis	7 Michelini Lane
D. Catherine Winslow	35 Warren Ave.
Alberta L. Nichols	100 Washington St.

#### Tabulators

D. Walter A. Scanlon	331 Haven St.
R. James R. Mercer, Jr.	218 West St.
R. Nils L. Nordberg	753 Main St.

The polls were opened at 7:00 A. M. and promptly closed at 8:00 P. M., with the following result. Whole number of ballots cast 1883.

#### Moderator for One Year (Vote for One)

Charles P. Howard, 186 Summer Ave. ....	1626
Blanks .....	257

#### Town Clerk for One Year (Vote for One)

Norman P. Charles .....	1733
Blanks .....	150

#### Selectman for Three Years (Vote for One)

Carl W. Goodridge, 206 Bancroft Ave. ....	623
Charles E. Wilkinson, 69 Middlesex Ave. ....	1225
Blanks .....	35

#### Board of Public Welfare for Three Years (Vote for One)

Miles C. Higgins, 8 Sanborn St. ....	1635
Blanks .....	248

#### Assessor for Three Years (Vote for One)

Arthur S. Cook, 73 Bancroft Ave. ....	1617
Blanks .....	266

#### Treasurer for One Year (Vote for One)

Preston F. Nichols, 68 Linden St. ....	1686
Blanks .....	197

#### Tax Collector for One Year (Vote for One)

William E. Morrison, 21 Pilgrim Rd. ....	1689
Blanks .....	194

#### Board of Public Works for Three Years (Vote for Two)

Edward A. Brophy, 942 Main St. ....	1032
Stanley R. Gerard, 101 Hanscom Ave. ....	609
Gilbert M. Lothrop, 13 Longfellow Rd. ....	1097



Harmon D. Smith, 32 Wescroft Rd. ....	555
Blanks .....	473
<b>Constables for One Year (Vote for Two)</b>	
Leon G. Bent, 767 Main St. ....	1298
Richard D. Gale, 5 Grand St. ....	892
J. Winthrop Sias, 43 Salem St. ....	1128
Blanks .....	448
<b>Municipal Light Board for Three Years (Vote for One)</b>	
Louis Ellenwood, 326 Haven St. ....	1119
Harold P. Snow, 72 Cross St. ....	652
Blanks .....	112
<b>Board of Health for One Year (Vote for One)</b>	
Charles R. Baisley, 46 Woburn St. ....	1686
Blanks .....	197
<b>Board of Health for Three Years (Vote for One)</b>	
Edward M. Halligan, 37 Salem St. ....	1643
Blanks .....	240
<b>School Committee for Three Years (Vote for Two)</b>	
Norman L. Duncan, 54 Longview Rd. ....	1283
Edith Warren Holcomb, 197 South St. ....	1012
Milton B. Viall, 175 Bancroft Ave. ....	953
Blanks .....	518
<b>Trustees of Public Library for Three Years (Vote for Two)</b>	
C. Nelson Bishop, 60 Hillcrest Rd. ....	1554
Sydney M. Hodson, 51 Oak St. ....	1588
Blanks .....	624
<b>Trustee of Public Library for Two Years (Vote for One)</b>	
William J. Tonks, 3 Copeland Ave. ....	1569
Blanks .....	314
<b>Trustee of Cemeteries for One Year (Vote for One)</b>	
James W. Fairchild, 1170 Main St. ....	1608
Blanks .....	275
<b>Trustees of Cemeteries for Three Years (Vote for Two)</b>	
Frank L. Edgerley, 743 Main St. ....	1630
Fred L. Nutter, 47 Linden St. ....	1586
Blanks .....	550
<b>Planning Board for One Year (Vote for One)</b>	
George B. Pease, 181 Summer Ave. ....	1571
Blanks .....	312
<b>Planning Board for Three Years (Vote for Two)</b>	
Walter D. Berry, 26 Virginia Rd. ....	1531
Winthrop D. Parker, 1 Charles St. ....	1537
Blanks .....	698

Question 1. "Shall an act passed by the general court in the year nineteen hundred and forty-three, entitled 'An Act establishing in the town of Reading representative town government by limited town meetings,' be accepted by this town?"

Yes .....	1006
No .....	667
Blanks .....	210

On motion of Norman P. Charles it was voted to adjourn to meet in Security Hall on Monday, March 8, at 7:45 P. M.

A true record

Attest:

NOMAN P. CHARLES,  
Town Clerk

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### ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Security Hall

March 8, 1943

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Charles P. Howard.

The warrant was partially read by the Town Clerk, when on motion of Herbert K. Miller it was voted to dispense with further reading of the warrant except the Constable's return, which was then read by the Town Clerk.

Article 2. Wendell P. Davis gave an oral report on the drainage situation. Reported that ditch was practically half completed, and gave estimated figures of amount of money expended and estimated cost to complete.

On motion of Samuel H. Davis it was voted that the report of the Special Drainage Committee be and the same hereby is accepted and that the Committee be continued in office until such time, as the Town shall vote at the Town Meeting assembled otherwise determine.

On motion of Samuel H. Davis it was voted that a Committee be appointed consisting of the Board of Selectmen and Ralph W. Allen, James H. Fleming, Joseph D. Knight, Mrs. Ralph W. Smith, Frederick L. Springford, and Frank Tanner, for the purpose of revising the Town By-Laws in order to conform with the provisions of Chapter 7 of the Acts of 1943, and for revising and adopting such other by-laws as they may deem advisable, such Committee to present such by-laws for adoption at a Special Town Meeting to be held prior to December 31, 1943. On motion of Herbert K. Miller it was voted to lay Article 2 on the Table.

Article 3. On motion of Herbert K. Miller it was voted that the following be chosen to serve as Measurers of Lumber for the ensuing year: Burton K. Symonds, William R. Zwicker, Edward A. Brophy.

And that the following be chosen as Measurers of Wood and Bark: Percy N. Sweetser, Burton K. Symonds, Thomas F. Brogan.

On motion of Herbert K. Miller it was voted to lay Article 3 on the Table.

Article 4. On motion of Herbert K. Miller it was voted that the sum of twenty-six thousand nine hundred and two dollars and thirty-eight cents (\$26,902.38) be raised and appropriated for General Government as follows:

Selectmen's Expenses .....	\$ 1,000.00
Selectmen's Clerical .....	1,000.00
Town Accountant's Salary .....	1,600.00
Treasurer's Salary .....	1,500.00
Treasurer's Expenses .....	700.00
Treasurer's Clerical .....	375.00
Collector's Salary .....	2,300.00*
Collector's Expenses .....	1,000.00
Collector's Clerical .....	600.00
Assessors' Salaries .....	1,800.00
Assessors' Expenses .....	1,100.00
Assessors' Clerical .....	2,921.63
Town Counsel's Salary .....	1,250.00
Town Counsel's Expenses .....	450.00
Town Clerk's Salary .....	1,050.00*
Town Clerk's Expenses .....	500.00
Registrars' Salaries .....	330.75
Registrars' Expenses .....	600.00
Election and Registration Expense .....	700.00
Planning Board Expenses .....	125.00
Miscellaneous Expense .....	3,800.00
Municipal Building Maintenance .....	2,200.00
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	\$ 26,902.38

\*Fees to Town Treasury.

Article 4. On motion of Herbert K. Miller it was voted that the sum of ninety-three thousand, two hundred and forty-nine dollars (\$93,249.00) be raised and appropriated for the Protection of Persons and Property, as follows:

Police Dept. Salaries .....	\$ 40,705.00
Police Dept. Maintenance .....	5,000.00
Police Station Maintenance .....	1,480.00
Fire Dept. Salaries .....	21,830.00
Fire Dept. Callmen .....	3,369.00
O. O. Ordway Pension .....	1,300.00
Fire Dept. Maintenance .....	3,725.00
Fire Stations Maintenance .....	1,600.00
Fire Alarm Maintenance .....	1,425.00

Fire Alarm New Boxes .....	400.00
Hydrant Rentals .....	500.00
Moth and Tree Departments .....	10,000.00
Inspector of Buildings Salary .....	525.00
Inspector of Wires Salary .....	200.00
Sealer of Weights and Measures Salary .....	525.00
Sealer of Weights and Measures Expenses .....	250.00
Game Warden Salary .....	100.00
Dog Officer Salary .....	315.00

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\$ 93,249.00

Article 4. On motion of Herbert K. Miller it was voted that the sum of nine thousand nine hundred and forty-five (\$9,945.00) be raised and appropriated for Health and Sanitation as follows:

Board of Health Salaries .....	\$ 300.00
Board of Health Expenses .....	275.00
Inspector of Plumbing Salary .....	500.00
Inspector of Animals Salary .....	210.00
Inspector of Milk and Food Salary .....	210.00
Care of Contagious Diseases .....	5,000.00
Garbage Collection .....	2,800.00
Dental Clinic .....	650.00

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\$ 9,945.00

Article 4. On motion of Herbert K. Miller it was voted that the sum of eighteen thousand dollars (\$18,000.00) be raised and appropriated for Soldiers' Benefits, including State and Military Aid, Soldiers' Relief and State War Allowance.

Article 4. On motion of Herbert K. Miller it was voted that the sum of seven hundred dollars (\$700.00) be raised and appropriated for W. P. A. expenses including administrative, truck hire, equipment and materials.

Article 4. On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted that the sum of Six thousand five hundred thirty-four and 50/100 (\$6,534.50) Dollars be raised and appropriated for the preservation of health and protection of persons and property during the National Emergency, such sum to be expended by the Civilian Defense Committee for all purposes set forth in Chapter 487 of the Acts of 1941, and any and all amendments thereto.

Article 4. On motion of Henry R. Johnson it was voted that there be included in the tax levy, for electricity used for street lights, the sum of Fourteen Thousand (\$14,000) Dollars, and that said sum and the income from sales of electricity to private consumers, and for electricity supplied to municipal buildings, and for municipal power, and from

sales of appliances and jobbing during the current fiscal year be appropriated for the Municipal Lighting Plant, and that the sum of Twelve Thousand (\$12,000) Dollars be appropriated from the said receipts of the Department for the sale, installation and servicing of merchandise, equipment, utensils and chattels, as provided in Section 34 of Chapter 164 of the General Laws, said appropriations to be expended by the Manager of the Municipal Lighting, under the direction and control of the Municipal Light Board, for the expense of the plant, including the sale, installation and servicing of merchandise, equipment; utensils and chattels, as defined in Chapter 164 of the General Laws, or any amendments thereof or additions thereto, and that if said sum of \$14,000 and said income shall exceed said expense for said fiscal year, such excess up to the sum of Thirty-five Thousand (\$35,000) Dollars shall be paid into the Town Treasury, and the balance, if any, shall be transferred to the Construction Fund of said Plant and appropriated and used for such additions thereto as may thereafter be authorized by the Municipal Light Board.

Article 4. On motion of Joseph C. Knight it was voted that the sum of One Hundred Sixteen Thousand (\$116,000.00) dollars be raised and appropriated for Charities and Aid, as follows :

General Aid Administrative .....	\$ 6,100.00
General Aid .....	28,600.00
Aid to Dependent Children Administrative .....	400.00
Aid to Dependent Children .....	13,000.00
Old Age Assistance Administrative .....	4,000.00
Old Age Assistance .....	63,900.00
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	\$116,000.00

Article 4. On motion of Ralph W. Allen it was voted that the sum of \$293,119.00 be raised and appropriated for the School Department, as follows :

General Salaries .....	\$228,619.00
General Maintenance, including, travel outside of state ....	39,000.00
Transportation .....	9,500.00
Industrial Tuition .....	2,000.00
School Lunches .....	14,000.00
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	\$293,119.00

Article 4. On motion of Nelson C. Bishop, it was voted that the sum of Nine Thousand Three Hundred Forty-four (\$9,344.00) Dollars, be raised and appropriated for the Public Library, divided as follows :

Salaries .....	\$ 6,044.00
Maintenance .....	3,300.00
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	\$ 9,344.00



Article 4. On motion of Fred L. Nutter it was voted that the sum of Ten Thousand (\$10,000.00) Dollars be raised and appropriated for Cemeteries, to be expended for care, maintenance and development of Laurel Hill Cemetery and Forest Glen Cemetery, including travel outside the State.

Article 4. On motion of Charles E. Wilkinson it was voted that the sum of Six Hundred (\$600.00) Dollars be raised and appropriated for Memorial Day Observance, to be expended under the direction of Post 62, American Legion.

Article 4. On motion of Charles E. Wilkinson it was voted that the sum of Five Thousand Six Hundred and Twenty-one Dollars and Twenty-five Cents (\$5,621.25) be raised and appropriated for Interest, not including Water, Light and Sewer.

Article 4. On motion of Charles E. Wilkinson it was voted that the sum of Forty-seven Thousand (\$47,000.00) Dollars be raised and appropriated for Maturing Debt, not including Water and Light.

Article 4. On motion of Herbert K. Miller it was voted that the sum of Eighteen Thousand Five Hundred and Seven Dollars and Ninety Cents (\$18,507.90) be raised and appropriated for the Contributory Retirement System as follows:

Pension Accumulation Fund .....	\$ 17,517.00
Interest Account .....	690.90
Administrative Expense .....	300.00
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	\$ 18,507.90

Article 4. On motion of Wendell P. Davis it was voted that the sum of Ninety Thousand (\$90,000.00) Dollars be raised and appropriated for the Board of Public Works as follows:

Administrative Salaries and Office Expenses .....	\$ 5,900.00
Removal of Snow and Ice .....	12,000.00
Sidewalk Maintenance and Construction .....	3,300.00
Maintenance of Storm Drains .....	4,000.00
Care of Dumps .....	1,400.00
Drinking Fountains .....	100.00
Connecting Estates with Common Sewer .....	1,700.00
Maintenance, Operation and Construction of Water Works, Purchase or otherwise acquiring land for the further development and protection of water supply, Payment of Water Bonds and Interest, including travel outside the State .....	52,400.00
Maintenance, Operation and Extension of the Sewer Sys- tem, Payment of Interest on Sewer Bonds .....	9,200.00
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	\$ 90,000.00

Article 4. Wendell P. Davis moved that the sum of Forty-eight Thousand (\$48,000.00) Dollars be raised and appropriated for Repairs, Construction and Maintenance of Highways, Setting Curbs, Purchase of Materials, Tools and Equipment, and any other incidental expenses pertaining thereto.

John L. Devaney moved that the motion be amended to read \$40,000.00 as recommended by the finance committee.

Mr. Davis' motion being the larger of the two it was voted on first, and was defeated on a voice vote.

A vote was then taken on Mr. Devaney's substitute motion, and it was carried.

Article 4. Wendell P. Davis moved that the sum of Six Thousand, Three Hundred and Fifty (\$6,350.00) Dollars be raised and appropriated for Park Department and Common Maintenance, and Supervised Play.

John L. Devaney moved that the motion be amended to read \$4000.00 as recommended by the Finance Committee.

Mr. Davis' motion being the larger of the two it was voted on first, and was defeated on a voice vote.

A vote was then taken on Mr. Devaney's substitute motion, and it was carried.

Article 4. On motion of Wendell P. Davis it was voted that the sum of Four Thousand Two Hundred (\$4,200.00) Dollars be raised and appropriated for the Construction of Storm Drains.

Article 4. On motion of Charles E. Wilkinson it was voted that the sum of Fifteen Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty Dollars and Ninety Cents (\$15,850.90) be raised and appropriated for Insurance.

On motion of Herbert K. Miller it was voted to lay Article 4 on the Table.

Article 5. On motion of Preston F. Nichols it was voted that the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, be and he hereby is authorized to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1944, and to issue a note or notes therefor payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with Section 17 of Chapter 44, of the General Laws.

Article 6. On motion of Preston F. Nichols it was voted that the sum of Two Hundred and Fifty (\$250.00) Dollars be raised and appropriated for the purpose of foreclosing in the Land Court pursuant to provisions of Section 65 of Chapter 60, of the General Laws, the right of redemption of any and all real estate taken by the Town for non-payment of taxes.

Article 7. On motion of Leon G. Bent it was voted that the sum of Four Thousand (\$4,000.00) Dollars be raised and appropriated for the Reserve Fund, as provided by Section 6, Chapter 40, General Laws.

Article 8. On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted that the sum of Six Hundred (\$600.00) Dollars be raised and appropriated for the care of graves of any persons who have served in the Army, Navy, or Marine Corps of the United States, in time of war or insurrection, and who have been honorably discharged from such service, as provided by Section 22 of Chapter 115 of the General Laws.

Article 9. On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted that the sum of Five Hundred and Fifty (\$550.00) Dollars be raised and appropriated for the preparation and printing of the Street Lists for the year 1943, such sum to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen.

Article 10. On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted that the Board of Selectmen be and hereby are authorized and empowered to sell or otherwise dispose of, upon such terms and conditions as they may determine, all of the W. P. A. equipment and personal property, consisting in part of four automobile trucks, two pumps, one air compressor outfit, and miscellaneous lot of tools and appliances.

Article 11. On motion of Herbert K. Miller it was voted that the sum of Four Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-three and 84/100 Dollars (\$4,773.84) be raised and appropriated for the Town's share of the maintenance, care and repair, and other lawful expenses incurred in 1942, for the Middlesex County Sanatorium.

Article 12. On motion of Herbert K. Miller it was voted that the sum of Thirteen (\$13.00) Dollars be raised and appropriated, to reimburse Police Officer Joseph M. Greene, for medical expenses incurred by him, as a result of injuries sustained on February 7, 1942, while in the actual performance of his duties.

Article 13. On motion of Herbert K. Miller it was voted that Section 3A of Chapter 115 of the General Laws, being an Act regulating the payment of State and Military Aid and Soldiers' Relief, be and the same hereby is accepted.

Article 14. On motion of Miles C. Higgins it was voted that the subject matter of Article 14 be indefinitely postponed.

Article 15. On motion of Fred L. Nutter it was voted that the Town appropriate the sum of One Thousand (\$1,000) Dollars from the Cemetery Reserve Fund, being the Receipts from the sale of lots and graves in Laurel Hill Cemetery and Forest Glen Cemetery, for the maintenance, care, improvement and embellishment of Laurel Hill Cemetery and Forest Glen Cemetery, under the provisions of Section 15, of Chapter 114 of the General Laws.

Article 16. On motion of Wendell P. Davis it was voted, that the sum of Nine Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty (\$9,850.00) Dollars be appropriated from the unexpended balance in the Road Machinery Account, and transferred to the Road Machinery Fund for the mainten-

ance, repair, purchase and operation of road machinery and equipment, for the use of and under the direction of the Board of Public Works, and that the Town Accountant be and he hereby is authorized and instructed to transfer said sum to said account.

Article 17. On motion of Henry R. Johnson it was voted that the subject matter of Article 17 be referred to the Municipal Light Board, and that said Board be, and it hereby is, authorized to install such additional street lights, as it in its judgment are required, and to make such changes in the size, type and location of existing street lights, as it may deem advisable, the expense of same to be paid from the income of the Plant.

Article 18. Ralph W. Allen moved that the sum of Eight thousand (8,000) Dollars be raised and appropriated for the preparation of plans, Surveys and specifications, and for such architectural and engineering advice and services, which may be deemed necessary for the design of a new Senior High School, such sum to be expended under the direction of the School Committee.

John L. Devaney moved that this article be indefinitely postponed.

After much lengthy arguments pro and con, it was moved and seconded to have the vote on this article, by ballot on Mr. Devaney's motion to indefinitely postpone.

A ballot was taken and Louis Ellenwood and Kenneth C. Latham were delegated to count the votes.

On motion of Herbert K. Miller it was voted to lay Article 18 on the table while the votes were being counted.

Article 19. On motion of Ralph W. Allen it was voted, that the School Committee be, and they hereby are authorized and empowered, to sell or otherwise dispose of, upon such terms and conditions as they may determine, so many of the school typewriters as they deem advisable, not exceeding, however, thirty per cent thereof, for the purpose of co-operating with the United States Government in the War Emergency.

Article 20. On motion of Lester L. Ivers it was voted, that the Board of Selectmen be and they hereby are authorized to secure as suitable headquarters for Reading Post 62 of the American Legion the premises situated on the westerly side of Ash Street, known as Victory House, and that the sum of Fifteen Hundred (1,500) Dollars be raised and appropriated as rent for such premises for the year 1943.

Article 21. On motion of Herbert K. Miller it was voted, that the sum of Three Hundred (300) Dollars be raised and appropriated for the further development of the Town Forest.

Article 22. On motion of Leon G. Bent it was voted, that the sum of Four Hundred (400) Dollars be raised and appropriated for Child Welfare Work, to be expended under the direction of the Reading Visiting Nurse Association, and the Board of Health.

Article 2. On motion of Herbert K. Miller it was voted to take Article 2 from the table.

On motion of Herbert K. Miller it was voted to indefinitely postpone Article 2.

Article 3. On motion of Herbert K. Miller it was voted to take Article 3 from the table.

On motion of Herbert K. Miller it was voted to indefinitely postpone Article 3.

Article 4. On motion of Herbert K. Miller it was voted to take Article 4 from the table.

On motion of Herbert K. Miller it was voted to indefinitely postpone Article 4.

Article 18. On motion of Herbert K. Miller it was voted to take Article 18 from the table.

Results of the vote on Mr. Devaney's motion to indefinitely postpone Article 18.

148 having voted in the affirmative and 93 in the negative, Mr. Devaney's motion to indefinitely postpone was carried.

On motion of Herbert K. Miller it was voted to adjourn, Sine Die.

The following served as checkers at the Town Meeting:

Catherine L. Doherty	111 Green St.
Harriett Leutchman	18 Belmont St.
John J. Murray	52 Village St.
Nils L. Nordberg	753 Main St.

255 persons were checked as having attended this meeting.

A true record attest:

NORMAN P. CHARLES

Town Clerk

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## WARRANT SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

(Seal)

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Security Hall

June 1, 1943

To either of the Constables of the Town of Reading Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Reading, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet in Security Hall, Woburn Street, in said Reading on

Tuesday, the first day of June, A. D. 1943 at seven forty-five o'clock in the evening, to act on the following articles:

Article 1. To hear and act on the reports of Town Officers and special committees, and to choose all necessary Committees and determine what instructions if any, shall be given Town Officers and special committees.



Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to amend Article X of the By-laws by inserting, after Section 5, the following new Section:

Section 5A. No child under sixteen years of age shall be, loiter or remain upon any street highway, sidewalk or in any other public place in the Town after the hour of ten o'clock post meridian of any day unless accompanied by or under the control or care of a parent, guardian or other adult person or unless in some employment or in the performance of some duty directed in writing by said parent, guardian or other adult person, and no such child while in such employment or performance of such duty shall loiter upon any such street, highway, park, or other public way or place.

The chief of the fire department shall cause one blow to be sounded on the fire alarm at quarter of ten o'clock as the curfew signal.

Board of Selectmen

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to establish a recreation committee consisting of four members, for the purpose of conducting and promoting recreation, play, sport, physical education and other social, educational and recreational activities upon such land and buildings as defined in Section 14 of Chapter 45 of the General Laws and to exercise all the powers conferred therein, including the purchase of the necessary equipment and the employment of teachers, supervisors and other officers and employees and the fixing of their compensation and to see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for such purpose by borrowing or transferring from available funds or otherwise or what it will do in relation thereto.

Board of Public Works.

Article 4. To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate from available funds and transfer for the purpose of ploughing, harrowing and furnishing aid in the cultivation of private land as authorized under the provisions of Chapter 75 of the Acts of 1943 or what it will do in relation thereto.

Board of Public Works.

Article 5. To see what sum the Town will appropriate and transfer from available funds for the purpose of converting the heating equipment at the Highway Garage on John Street from oil burning equipment to coal burning equipment, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Board of Public Works.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof, in at least ten public places in the town not less than seven days prior to June first, the date set for the meeting in said warrant and to publish this warrant in the Reading Chronicle one day at least prior to said date.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your do-

ings thereon to the Town Clerk, at or before the time appointed for said meeting.

Given under our hands this 24th day of May, A. D. 1943.

HERBERT K. MILLER

CHARLES E. WILKINSON

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### **Constable's Return**

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Middlesex, ss:

Reading, Mass., May 25, 1943

By virtue of this warrant, I this day notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Reading qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet in the place, and at the time specified in this Warrant, by posting attested copies in the following public places within the Town of Reading:

Reading Fire Station No. 1

Lyceum Hall Building

Reading Fire Station No. 2

Austin's Lunch

Reading Police Station

Danforth's Drug Store

Municipal Building

Ainsworth's Store

Masonic Building

Haven Spa

Odd Fellows Building

B. & M. R. R. Station

M. F. Charles' Store

The same being not less than seven days prior to June 1st, the date set for said meeting.

I also caused the same to be published in the Reading Chronicle, date of May 28th, 1943, the same being at least one day prior to said date.

Signed, J. W. SIAS,

Constable of Reading

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### **SPECIAL TOWN MEETING**

Security Hall,

June 1, 1943

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator at the time specified in the Warrant.

The Warrant was partially read by the Town Clerk, when on motion of Charles E. Wilkinson it was voted to dispense with the further reading of the Warrant, Except the Constables' Return, which was then read by the Town Clerk.

Article 1. On motion of Herbert K. Miller it was voted to lay Article 1 on the Table.

Article 2. On motion of Herbert K. Miller it was voted that Article X of the By-Laws of the Town be and the same hereby is amended by inserting after Section 5, the following new section:

Section 5A. No child under sixteen years of age shall be, loiter or remain upon any street, highway, sidewalk or in any other public place

in the Town after the hour of ten o'clock post meridian of any day, unless accompanied by or under the control or care of a parent, guardian or other adult person, or unless in some employment, or in the performance of some duty directed in writing by said parent, guardian, or other adult person, and no such child, while in such employment or performance of such duty, shall loiter upon any such street, highway, park or other public way or place.

The chief of the fire department shall cause one blow to be sounded on the fire alarm at quarter of ten o'clock as the curfew signal.

Article 3. On motion of Gilbert M. Lothrop it was voted that a Committee consisting of Gilbert M. Lothrop, Herbert K. Miller, Edith W. Holcomb and Charles F. Lancaster, be and hereby is established for the purpose of conducting and promoting recreation, play, sport, physical education and other social, educational and recreational activities, upon such land and buildings as defined in Section 14 of Chapter 45 of the General Laws, with authority to exercise all the powers conferred therein, including the purchase of the necessary equipment, and the employment of teachers supervisors and other officers and employees, and the fixing of their compensation, and that the sum of Forty-five Hundred (4500) Dollars is hereby appropriated therefor, to be expended under the direction of the Committee, by transferring said sum from the balance remaining in the Soldier's Relief Account, and the Town Accountant be, and he hereby is authorized and directed to make the transfer necessary to carry out the purposes of this vote.

Article 4. On motion of Wendell P. Davis it was voted that the sum of Six Hundred (600) Dollars be appropriated by transferring said sum from the unexpended balance in the Insurance Account, for the purpose of ploughing, harrowing and furnishing aid in the cultivation of private land as authorized under the provisions of Chapter 75 of the Acts of 1943, and the Town Accountant be and he hereby is authorized and instructed to make the transfer necessary to carry out the purpose of this vote.

Article 5. On motion of Wendell P. Davis it was voted that this article be indefinitely postponed.

On motion of Herbert K. Miller it was voted to take Article 1 from the Table.

On motion of Herbert K. Miller it was voted that Article 1 be indefinitely postponed.

On motion of Herbert K. Miller it was voted that the meeting be adjourned, Sine Die.

Attest:  
NORMAN P. CHARLES, Town Clerk

140 persons were checked as having attended this meeting.

The following persons served as checkers at the foregoing meeting:

J. Robert Clark	Ash St.
Catherine L. Doherty	111 Green St.
Harriett P. Leuchtman	18 Belmont St.
John J. Murray	52 Village St.

Attest:

NORMAN P. CHARLES, Town Clerk

June 15, 1943

Mr. Norman P. Charles

Town Clerk

610 Main St.

Reading, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Charles:

Mr. Bancroft has resigned as a member of the Committee appointed by the Moderator in, I believe, the Spring of 1942, to prepare plans for the observance of the founding of the Town of Reading.

As Moderator I have appointed Mr. Victor Pitkin to serve instead of Mr. Bancroft as a member of the committee.

Very sincerely,

CHARLES P. HOWARD

June 22, 1943

Mr. Norman P. Charles,

Town Clerk

Reading, Mass.

Mr. John L. Devaney has resigned as a member of the Committee to make plans for the Tercentenary Celebration of the Town of Reading, which Committee I appointed as Moderator about a year ago. I have appointed Mr. Frank D. Tanner as a member of the Committee to serve in his stead.

Very sincerely,

CHARLES P. HOWARD

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**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING  
TOWN WARRANT**

(Seal)

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Middlesex ss:

Security Hall,

Nov. 4, 1943

To either of the Constables of the Town of Reading, Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Reading qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet in Security Hall, Woburn Street, in said Reading, on Thursday, the Fourth Day of Nov-

ember, A. D. 1943, at seven forty-five o'clock in the evening to act on the following articles:

Article 1. To hear and act on the reports of Town Officers and special committees and determine what instructions will be given town officers and special committees.

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to provide a site for and erect an Honor Roll with names of all persons residing in the Town serving in the Armed Forces of World War II and to see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate therefor from available funds or what it will do in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen.

Article 3. To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate from available funds and transfer to Fire Department Maintenance Account and to the Fire Alarm Maintenance Account or what it will do in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen.

Article 4. To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate from available funds and transfer for the alteration and improvement of the Municipal Building so as to provide larger quarters for the Tax Collector or what it will do in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen.

Article 5. To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate from available funds and transfer to the Moth Department for the purchase of arsenate of lead and other materials or what it will do in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen.

Article 6. To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate from available funds and transfer for the repair of the damage to the house in Forest Glen Cemetery caused by the recent fire or what it will do in relation thereto.

Cemetery Trustees

Article 7. To see what sums the Town will vote to appropriate from available funds and transfer for Old Age Assistance and for Aid to Dependent Children Administration, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Board of Public Welfare

Article 8. To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate from available funds for the expenses of the Tercentenary Committee in arranging for a suitable program and exercises to commemorate the 300th anniversary of the Incorporation of the Town or what it will do in relation thereto.

Tercentenary Committee

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to establish a committee of fifteen (15) for the purpose of studying the matter of a municipal capi-



tal expenditures budgeting program, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Planning Board

Article 10. To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate from available funds and transfer to the School Cafeteria Account and to the School Department General Maintenance Account, or what it will do in relation thereto.

School Committee

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting an attested copy thereof in at least ten public places in the Town not less than seven days prior to November 4, 1943, the date set for the meeting in said warrant, and to publish this warrant in the Reading Chronicle one day at least prior to said date.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk at or before the time appointed for said meeting.

Given under our hands this twenty-seventh day of October, A. D. 1943.

HERBERT K. MILLER  
KENNETH C. LATHAM  
CHARLES E. WILKINSON  
Selectmen of Reading

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**Officer's Return**

Middlesex, ss :

Reading, Mass., October 28, 1943

By virtue of this warrant, I this day notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Reading, qualified to vote in Elections and Town Affairs, to meet in the place, and at the time specified in this warrant, by posting attested copies in the following public places within the Town of Reading:

Municipal Building  
Odd Fellows Building  
Masonic Building  
Lyceum Hall Building  
Fire Station No. 1  
Fire Station No. 2  
Reading Police Station

Austin's Lunch  
Danforth's Drug Store  
M. F. Charles' Store  
Haven Street Spa  
D. Ainsworth's Store  
B. & M. R. R. Station

The same being not less than seven days prior to the date set for said meeting.

I also caused an attested copy to be printed in the Reading Chronicle, date of October 29, 1943, the same being at least one day prior to date set for said meeting.

Signed, J. W. SIAS  
Constable of Reading

## SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

Security Hall, Woburn Street

Nov. 4, 1943

The meeting was called to order by the Town Clerk, The Moderator, Charles P. Howard being in the armed forces of the United States.

On motion of Leon G. Bent it was voted that Samuel H. Davis be nominated for Temporary Moderator.

On motion of Leon G. Bent it was voted that the nominations be closed.

On motion of Leon G. Bent it was voted that the Town Clerk cast one ballot for Samuel H. Davis as Temporary Moderator.

The Town Clerk cast one ballot as directed by the meeting, and Samuel H. Davis was declared elected as Temporary Moderator.

Article 1. On motion of Herbert K. Miller it was voted to lay Article 1 on the table.

Article 2. On motion of Herbert K. Miller it was voted that the sum of Eight Hundred (800) Dollars be appropriated, by transferring said sum from the Public Welfare General Aid Account, for the erection and dedication of an Honor Roll, to be placed on Reading Common, with the names of all persons residing in the Town who have, are now or may hereafter serve in the Armed Forces of World War II, and the Town Accountant be, and he hereby is authorized and empowered to transfer said sum to carry out the purpose of this vote.

Article 3. On motion of Herbert K. Miller it was voted that the sum of three hundred and seventy (370) Dollars be appropriated from Fire Alarm New Boxes Account and transfer said sum as follows: \$225.00 to Fire Department Maintenance Account, and \$145.00 to Fire Alarm Maintenance Account, and the Town Accountant be and he hereby is authorized and empowered to transfer said sum to said accounts.

Article 4. On motion of Herbert K. Miller it was voted that the sum of three hundred and fifty (350) dollars be appropriated, by transferring said sum from Soldiers' Benefits Account, for the alteration and improvement of the Municipal Building, so as to provide larger quarters for the Tax Collector, and the Town Accountant be, and he hereby is authorized and empowered to transfer said sum for the purpose of this vote.

Article 5. On motion of Herbert K. Miller it was voted that the sum of seven hundred and fifty (750) dollars be appropriated, by transferring said sum from Public Welfare General Aid Account to the Moth Department, for the purchase of arsenate of lead and other materials, and the Town Accountant be, and he hereby is authorized and empowered to transfer said sum for the purpose of this vote.

Article 6. On motion of Clarence C. White it was voted that the sum of Three Hundred eighty-two (382) dollars be appropriated, by transferring said sum from the Fire Loss Special Account, for the

repair of the damage to the house in Forest Glen Cemetery caused by the recent fire, and the Town Accountant be, and he hereby is authorized and empowered to transfer said sum for the purpose of this vote.

Article 7. On motion of Miles C. Higgins it was voted that the sum of Thirty-one hundred (3100) dollars be appropriated from the Public Welfare General Aid Account, and transfer said sum as follows: \$3000.00 for Old Age Assistance and \$100.00 for Aid to Dependent Children Administrative, and the Town Accountant be, and he hereby is authorized and empowered to transfer said sum to said accounts.

Article 8. On motion of Edward F. Parker it was voted that the sum of two hundred (200) dollars be appropriated, by transferring said sum from the Soldiers' Benefits Account, for the expenses of the Tercentenary Committee, in arranging for a suitable program and exercises to commemorate the 300th Anniversary of the incorporation of the Town, and the Town Accountant be, and he hereby is authorized and empowered to transfer said sum for the purpose of said vote.

Under the statutes such a motion requires a two-thirds vote.

Twenty-eight voted in the affirmative, and none in the negative.

Article 9. On motion of Lloyd G. David it was voted that a committee of fifteen members be, and hereby is established for the purpose of studying the matter of a Municipal Capital Expenditures Budgeting Program, such committee to consist of one member each of the Board of Selectmen, Assessors, Public Works, Public Welfare, Board of Health, Cemetery Trustees, Municipal Light, Planning Board, Trustees of Public Library, School Committee, Finance Committee, and one appointed member of Commissioners of Trust Funds, such members to be designated and appointed by their respective Boards and Committees, Town Accountant, Town Counsel and Town Treasurer; such committee shall report at the next Annual Town Meeting the results of its study with definite recommendations as to what action, if any, it deems advisable in the premises for the best interests of the Town.

Article 10. On motion of Irving C. Austin it was voted that the sum of three thousand (3000) dollars be appropriated by transferring said sum from the School Department Salaries Account to the School Department Maintenance Account, and that the sum of five hundred (500) dollars be appropriated by transferring said sum from the Industrial Tuition Account to the School Cafeteria Account, and the Town Accountant be, and he hereby is authorized and empowered to transfer said sums to said Accounts.

Article 1. On motion of Herbert K. Miller it was voted that Article 1 be taken from the table.

On motion of Herbert K. Miller it was voted that Article 1 be indefinitely postponed.

On motion of Herbert K. Miller it was voted that the meeting stand adjourned, Sine Die.

Attest:

NORMAN P. CHARLES, Town Clerk

The following were appointed and served as checkers at the above meeting:

R. J. Robert Clark	81 Ash St.
D. Catherine L. Doherty	111 Green St.
R. Harriette Leuchtman	9 Belmont St.
D. Murray, John J.	52 Village St.

31 Persons were checked as having attended the meeting.

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### **SPECIAL TOWN MEETING**

December 13, 1943

### **TOWN WARRANT**

(Seal)

Middlesex, ss:

To either of the Constables of the Town of Reading, Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Reading, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet in Security Hall, Woburn Street, in said Reading on

Monday, the Thirteenth Day of December, A. D. 1943 at seven forty-five o'clock in the evening, to act on the following articles:

Article 1. To hear and act on the reports of Town Officers and special committees, and determine what instructions will be given town officers and special committees.

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to amend the By-laws of the Town, as follows:

Amend Article 1 by striking out Section 2 and inserting in place thereof the following section:

Section 2. Notice of every Town Meeting shall be given by posting an attested copy of the warrant calling the same, in at least three public places in each precinct of the Town not less than seven days prior to each meeting, and by causing such attested copy to be published in some newspaper in the Town, one day, at least, prior to the time of holding such meeting. The officer serving the warrant shall in his turn designate the places where copies were posted, the name of the paper, and date of publication in which the same was published. Notice of every adjourned town meeting before which any proposed reconsideration is to come shall be posted by the Town Clerk in two conspicuous public places in each precinct of the Town as soon as possible after the adjournment, and he shall, if practicable publish such notice in some

newspaper published in the Town, at least one day before the time of said adjourned meeting.

Said notice shall include a notice of any proposed reconsideration to come before the meeting.

A sufficient number of warrants shall be printed for distribution at each meeting.

Further, amend Article I by inserting after Section 2, as now amend, the following new section:

Section 2A. Any representative Town meeting held under the provisions of Chapter 7, of the Acts of 1943, shall be limited to the voters elected under Section 3 thereof, together with the following designated as Town Meeting members at large; namely, any member of the General Court of the Commonwealth, from the Town, the Moderator, the Town Clerk, the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, the chairman of the School Committee, the Chairman of the Finance Committee, the Chairman of the Board of Public Works, the Chairman of the Municipal Light Board, the Chairman of the Board of Public Welfare, the Chairman of Trustees of the Public Library, the Chairman of Board of Assessors, the Chairman of the Planning Board, the Chairman of Board of Cemetery Trustees, the Chairman of the Board of Health, the Town Accountant and the Town Counsel.

Amend Section 5 of Article IV by striking out the sum of "\$200" and inserting in place thereof the sum of "\$500.00" Five hundred dollars, so as to read as follows:

Section 5. When any suit at law or in equity or other legal proceeding is instituted against the Town and there is not sufficient time before action must be taken in the same to bring the matter before the Town, the Law Committee shall have authority to appear in, and answer to such suit, through the Town Counsel, and shall have authority to settle all suits involving the payment of not more than five hundred dollars; but in all other cases before the trial or final disposition of the same, a town meeting shall be called to act on the matter.

Amend Article VI by striking out the second paragraph of Section 1, and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph:

The Finance Committee shall be appointed by the Selectmen within thirty days after the final adjournment of the annual Town Meeting: three members to be appointed from each of the four voting precincts, and three members to be appointed at large; one member in each precinct and one member at large shall be appointed annually to serve for three years. Any vacancy in the Committee shall be filled by the Selectmen. The Town Accountant shall ex-officio be clerk of the Committee; eight members shall constitute a quorum. All the present members of the Finance Committee shall continue to act as such until the first committee of fifteen is appointed as hereinafter provided. The first



committee appointed under this by-law shall be appointed promptly by the Board of Selectmen within twenty days after this by-law shall take effect.

Amend Article VIII by striking out the entire Article and inserting in place thereof the following Article:

Article VIII Section 1. The Treasurer shall be the Collector of all sums of money payable to the Town not otherwise specially provided for by the statutes or by these by-laws. Board of Selectmen

Article 3. To see what sum the Town will appropriate from available funds and transfer to the Snow and Ice Account, or what it will do in relation thereto. Board of Public Works

Article 4. To see what sum the Town will appropriate from available funds, and transfer to the Special Drainage Construction Account, or what it will do in relation thereto. Special Drainage Committee

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to establish a committee consisting of seven members for the purpose of planning and developing a post-war program to meet the needs and welfare of Veterans, their families and others with respect to re-employment, rehabilitation, readjustment or otherwise, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Planning Board

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to Amend the Zoning By-Laws and Zoning Map by extending the industrial district so as to include therein the area hereinafter described.

"Beginning at the junction of Bolton Street and Ash Street at the present industrial district; thence running Northwesterly to Main Street at the Southerly side of the right of way of the Boston and Maine Railroad; thence turning and running Southerly by Main Street 817 feet more or less to the Southerly boundary line of the premises owned by the Wakefield Trust Company, and thence turning and running North-easterly in part by the said boundary line of the Wakefield Trust Company and the Southerly boundary line of land of John and Christine E. Watson approximately 484.6 feet to Ash Street, and the present industrial district."

So that the above described area shall be re-zoned and changed to and become part of the industrial district.

Leone F. Quimby, and others

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting an attested copy thereof in at least ten public places in the Town not less than seven days prior to December 13, 1943 the date set for the meeting in said warrant, and to publish this warrant in the Reading Chronicle one day at least prior to said date.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your do-

ings thereon, to the Town Clerk at or before the time appointed for said meeting

Given under our hands this third day of December, 1943.

HERBERT K. MILLER

KENNETH C. LATHAM

CHAS. E. WILKINSON

Selectmen of Reading

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### Officer's Return

Middlesex ss:

Reading, Mass., Dec. 13, 1943

By virtue of this warrant, I on December 6, 1943, notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Reading, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs to meet in the place and at the time specified by posting an attested copy thereof in the following public places within the said town; Municipal Building, Central Fire Station, Police Headquarters, Austin's Lunch Room, Odd Fellows Building, M. F. Charles & Sons Store, Masonic Temple Building, Lyceum Hall Building, Rockport Fish Market, Haven Street Spa, D. M. Ainsworth's Store, Haven St., Boston & Maine R. R. Depot, Waterhouse Neighborhood Store, Mineral St; Engine No. 2 House, Woburn Street, the date of posting being seven days prior to the date of the meeting in said warrant, and I caused a copy of this warrant to be published in the Reading Chronicle in the issue of December 10, 1943, the date being not more than one day prior to said meeting.

L. G. BENT,

Constable of Reading

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### SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

Security Hall

December 13, 1943

The meeting was called to order by the Town Clerk, the Moderator, Charles P. Howard, being absent.

On motion of Leon G. Bent it was voted that Samuel H. Davis be nominated for Temporary Moderator.

On motion of Leon G. Bent it was voted that the nominations be closed.

On motion of Leon G. Bent it was voted that the Town Clerk be instructed to cast one ballot for Samuel H. Davis as Temporary Moderator.

As instructed the Town Clerk cast one ballot for Samuel H. Davis as Temporary Moderator, and declared him elected.

Article 1. On motion of Charles E. Wilkinson it was voted to lay Article 1 on the table.

Article 2. On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted that Article 1 of the By-Laws of the Town be and the same hereby is amended by

striking out Section 2 and inserting in place thereof the following Section:

Section 2. Notice of every Town Meeting shall be given by posting an attested copy of the warrant calling the same, in at least three public places in each precinct of the Town not less than seven days prior to each meeting, and by causing such attested copy to be published in some newspaper in the Town one day, at least, prior to the time of holding such meeting. The officer serving the warrant shall in his turn designate the places where copies were posted, the name of the paper, and the date of publication in which the same was published. Notice of every adjourned town meeting before which any proposed reconsideration is to come shall be posted by the Town Clerk in two conspicuous public places in each precinct of the Town as soon as possible after adjournment, and he shall, if practicable publish such notice in some newspaper published in the Town at least one day before the time of said adjourned meeting.

Said notice shall include a notice of any proposed reconsideration to come before the meeting.

A sufficient number of the warrants shall be printed for distribution at each meeting.

Section 2A. On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted that Article 1 of the By-laws of the Town be and the same hereby is further amended by inserting after Section 2, as previously amended at this meeting, the following new Section:

Section 2A. Any representative Town Meeting held under the provisions of Chapter 7 of the Acts of 1943, shall be limited to the voters elected under Section 3 thereof, together with the following designated as Town Meeting members at large, namely, any member of the General Court of the Commonwealth from the Town, the Moderator, the Town Clerk, the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, the Chairman of the School Committee, the Chairman of the Finance Committee, the Chairman of the Board of Public Works, the Chairman of the Municipal Light Board, the Chairman of the Board of Public Welfare, the Chairman of Trustees of the Public Library, the Chairman of Board of Assessors, the Chairman of the Planning Board, the Chairman of Board of Cemetery Trustees, the Chairman of the Board of Health, the Town Accountant and the Town Counsel.

Section 5. On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted that Section 5 of Article IV of the By-Laws of the Town be and the same hereby is amended by striking out the sum of "\$200" and inserting in place thereof the sum of—five hundred dollars—so to read as follows:

Section 5. When any suit at law or in equity or other legal proceeding is instituted against the Town and there is not sufficient time before action must be taken in the same to bring the matter before

the Town, the Law Committee shall have authority to appear in, and answer to such suit, through the Town Counsel, and shall have authority to settle all suits involving the payment of not more than five hundred dollars; but in all other cases before the trial or final disposition of the same, a town meeting shall be called to act on the matter.

\*Kenneth C. Latham moved that Article VI of the By-Laws of the Town be and the same hereby is amended by striking out the second paragraph of Section 1 and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph:

The Finance Committee shall be appointed by the Selectmen within thirty days after the final adjournment of the annual Town Meeting; three members to be appointed from each of the four voting precincts, and three members to be appointed at large; one member in each precinct and one member at large shall be appointed annually to serve for three years, one member for two years, and one member for one year. Thereafter in any year when the term of any member expires, his successor shall be appointed for a term of three years. Any vacancy in the Committee shall be filled by the Selectmen. The Town Accountant shall ex-officio be clerk of the Committee; eight members shall constitute a quorum. All the present members of the Finance Committee shall continue to act as such until the said first committee of fifteen is appointed as herein provided. The first committee appointed under this by-law shall be appointed promptly by the Board of Selectmen within twenty days after this by-law shall take effect.

40 voted in the affirmative and 59 in the negative. The motion was lost.

Article 2. On motion of Charles E. Wilkinson it was voted that Article VIII of the By-laws of the Town be and the same hereby is amended by striking out the entire Article and inserting in place thereof the following article:

#### Article VIII

Section 1. The Treasurer shall be the Collector of all sums of money payable to the Town not otherwise specially provided for by the statutes or by these by-laws.

Article 3. On motion of Wendell P. Davis it was voted that the sum of fifteen hundred (1500) dollars be appropriated by transferring said sum from the Public Welfare General Aid Account to the Snow and Ice Account, and the Town Accountant be and he hereby is authorized and empowered to transfer said sum to said account.

Article 4. On motion of Wendell P. Davis it was voted that the sum of two thousand (2000) dollars be appropriated by transferring said sum from the Interest Account to Special Drainage Construction Account, such sum to be expended under the direction of the Special Drainage Committee for any and all expenses in connection with the

construction of the Quannapowitt Drainage System and that the Town Accountant be and he is authorized to make the transfer to carry out the purpose of this vote.

Article 5. On motion of Lloyd G. David it was voted that a committee consisting of George B. Pease, Ralph G. Babcock, Irving C. Austin, Wendell P. Davis, William G. Long, Henry W. Powers and Frank D. Tanner be and hereby is established for the purpose of planning, developing and carrying into effect forthwith a post-war program to meet the needs and welfare of Veterans, their families and others with respect to re-employment, rehabilitation, re-adjustment or otherwise and that said committee report at the annual town meeting to be held in March, 1944 or at any special town meeting held prior thereto, the program outlined and developed and the progress made thereunder by such committee.

Article 1. On motion of Lloyd G. David it was voted to take Article 1 from the table.

Report with Recommendations of the Reading Planning Board with Respect to Proposed Amendment of the Zoning By-Law.

General Laws (Ter. Ed) Chapter 40, Section 27 provides that no amendment to the Zoning by-law shall be adopted until after the Planning Board has held a public hearing thereon after due notice has been given and it has submitted a final report with recommendations to the Town Meeting, or until twenty days shall have elapsed after such hearing without the submission of such report.

A petition for a public hearing was filed with the Planning Board by Leone F. Quimby, Norman P. Charles, Edward F. Parker, Harold F. Parker, Arthur G. Sias, George E. Merrill, Wendell B. Newell, Henry R. Johnson, Andrew Christiansen, James H. Fleming and Earle G. Steele relative to a proposed amendment to the zoning by-law and zoning map changing the same by extending the industrial district so as to include therein the area hereinafter described:

Beginning at the junction of Bolton Street and Ash Street at the present industrial district;

Thence running Northwesterly to Main Street at the Southerly side of the right of way of the Boston and Maine Railroad;

Thence turning and running Southerly by Main Street 817 feet more or less to the Southerly boundary line of the premises owned by the Wakefield Trust Company; and

Thence turning and running Northeasterly in part by the said boundary line of the Wakefield Trust Co. and the Southerly boundary line of land of John and Christine E. Watson approximately 484.6 feet to Ash Street and the present industrial district.

Due notice of a public hearing was given as required by the statute above referred to and such hearing was held on November 5, 1943.



This hearing was attended by a comparatively small number of people. However, those who did attend were vitally interested in the matter, and reasons both for and against the proposed change were presented. It appeared that the proposed change was sought by a group of citizens of Reading, all of whom it was stated were members of the Reading Board of Trade, to enable Robbins & Burke, Inc., a corporation engaged in the manufacture of refrigerated auto bodies and trailers, to purchase the property known as the Laing Chevrolet Company on South Main Street for the purpose of engaging in the manufacture of such bodies and trailers. It also appeared at the hearing that the property is now owned by the Wakefield Trust Company and has been owned by that bank for at least ten years.

Some of the petitioners, Mr. Hovey, Treasurer of the Wakefield Trust Company, and Mr. Robbins representing the proposed purchaser, were the only persons who spoke in favor of the amendment. Arguments against the allowance of the amendment were presented by two citizens of the Town.

The area included in the proposed amendment is now zoned partly for business and partly for residential purposes. It is located on the Southerly side of Main Street a short distance toward Stoneham from the railroad crossing. The portion of the area occupied by the Laing Chevrolet Company has been used in the past as an automobile sales show room and as an automobile service station. No part of the area has ever been zoned for industry. The owner of the property did not appear at the public hearing which was held prior to the adoption of the present zoning law and did not make any request that the area be zoned for industry at the time of the general revision of the zoning law in the town. Mr. Hovey stated that the opportunities which the bank had had to sell the property were all for light manufacturing, and that it was getting to the point where it looked as if the Town were not willing that the bank should sell its property.

This argument was designed to show that the bank is suffering an undue hardship. In view of the fact that this property has never been zoned for industry the bank could not have been misled in any way at the time it took its loan or when it foreclosed its mortgage. In any event, only two years ago, when the town was re-zoned, the bank did not seek a change. This re-zoning was a matter of public discussion and debate for several years before it was adopted. One of the opponents to the amendment urged that the present plight of the garage, if there is one, and it is interesting to note that no evidence was offered as to this, is due to war conditions.

Several of the proponents of the amendment stated that they had investigated the proposed purchaser of the property and its business and had found the corporation to be run by fine men, and that the proposed

business was not objectionable because of noise or other factors. Mr. Robbins stated that he did not intend to bring any undesirables into Town; that if he could he would hire men in Reading; and that he did not intend to sell the property.

In considering whether the amendment should be passed consideration should be given to the character of the Town, what its future prospects of development are, and what effect the proposed change will have. The present zoning law was adopted after careful consideration and deliberation and should not be altered in a material aspect except in a case in which the Town will be benefitted by the change or possibly in a case of extreme hardship to the owner where little, if any, damage will be done to the Town.

No evidence was offered to show that this change would result in increasing taxes to the Town and it is not likely that it would. Some statements were made that the local bank, the Municipal Light Company and the Merchants would derive benefits from the change. Increased business is desirable for the local bank. It is problematical if the merchants would benefit in the long run in view of the fact that only a small number of employees would be residents of Reading and certainly the merchants would not benefit if the high character of the Town were allowed to change. No evidence was offered as to the net profits which might be made by the sale of cheap rate electricity and what the ultimate benefits would be to the citizens of the town who in the last analysis are the owners of the Municipal Light plant. What has been said with respect to this particular industry is true in large measure to any industry which might locate there. If this industry, or one which might supplant it, should attract large numbers of people, to the Town, increased expenditures for fire and police protection would be required. The present critical school housing problem would be further aggravated. It is doubtful if this industry or any other that might follow it would attract residents to the Town who would be taxed up to the average necessary to pay their way.

What Reading needs is more of the better class homes. There is no appreciable chance of Reading ever becoming a large industrial town. This point was made by one of the petitioners at the public hearing. That being so, it does not seem wise to hinder the Town's development as a residential community of the best type by the insertion of an industrial district on its main street. This isn't a question of being "high-hat," but a question of dollars and cents for the great majority of the residents of the Town.

It isn't a question of standing in the way of progress, it is a question of seeing that the progress is made in the right direction. We cannot have big industries. Our logical development is as a residential town, and after all, residential communities are just as essential as industrial

communities. In the long run no class of people in the town will be injured if the town follows its most obvious destiny. To say that this is a little industry and that it won't do much harm is the most fallacious of arguments. Once we deviate from the present by-law, the easier it is to do so again and again with the result that in a little while the whole purpose of the zoning law will be nullified and we will find ourselves in the situation of not being able to be a big industrial city nor able to be a high class residential community.

In arriving at a conclusion care must be taken not to be swayed unduly by the fact that the proposed purchaser of the area is a good business man or by the fact that the proposed business is not obnoxious. There can be no guarantee that this purchaser will continue to own the property for any length of time or that he will continue to use it for the same purposes which he now proposes to use it. Once the area had been Zoned to industry it is open to any industrial use and it may be put to such use at any time.

The present Zoning by-law provides in the opinion of the Planning Board adequate space for industry.

The Board recommends that the proposed amendment should not be made.

A. LLOYD DAVID, Chairman  
GEORGE B. PEASE  
WINTHROP D. PARKER  
PHILIP R. WHITE  
WALTER D. BERRY

Reading Planning Board

Article 6. Leone F. Quimby moved that the Zoning By-Law and Zoning map of the Town be and the same hereby are amended by extending the industrial district so as to include therein the area hereinafter described. Beginning at the junction of the industrial district and Bolton Street, thence running by Bolton Street Northwesterly to Main Street at the southerly side of the right of way of the Boston and Maine Railroad, thence turning and running Southerly by Main Street 817 feet more or less to the Southerly boundary line of the premises owned by the Wakefield Trust Company; and thence turning and running North-easterly in part by the said boundary line of the Wakefield Trust Company and the Southerly boundary line of land of John and Christine E. Watson approximately 484.6 feet to Ash Street and the present industrial district, so that the above described area shall be re-zoned and changed to and become part of the industrial district.

Arguments in favor were presented by Leone F. Quimby and Norman P. Charles.

Arguments against were presented by A. Lloyd David, Philip R. White, and Logan R. Dickie.

This being a Zoning By-Law change, a two thirds vote was necessary.

Twenty-four voted in the affirmative and One Hundred voted in the negative. The motion was lost.

Article 1. On motion of Herbert K. Miller it was voted to take Article 1, from the table.

On motion of Herbert K. Miller it was voted that Article 1 be indefinitely postponed.

On motion of Herbert K. Miller it was voted to adjourn Sine die.

Meeting attendance 145.

Attest:

NORMAN P. CHARLES, Town Clerk

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## NOTICE TO PARENTS, HOUSEWIVES, PHYSICIANS AND MIDWIVES

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Your attention is called to the sections below taken from the revised laws. Blank forms for return of birth can be obtained of the Town Clerk.

### **General Laws, Chap. 46, Sec. 3 (Tercentenary Edition)**

### **(As amended by Chapter 326, section one, Acts of 1939.)**

Every physician, or hospital medical officer registered under section nine of chapter one hundred and twelve, in this chapter called officer, shall keep a record of the birth of every child in cases of which he was in charge, showing date and place of birth, the name, if any, of the child, its sex and color, the name, age, birthplace, occupation and residence (including the street number, if any, and the ward number if in a city) of each parent, the maiden name of the mother and the name of the physician or officer, if any, personally attending the birth. If the child is illegitimate, the name of and other facts relating to the father shall not be set forth except upon written request of both the father and mother; provided that if an illegitimate child shall have become legitimate by the intermarriage of his parents and the acknowledgment of his father, as provided in section seven of chapter one hundred and ninety, prior to the mailing or delivery of any report herein required, such report shall read, in all respects, as if such child had been born to such parents in lawful wedlock. Said physician or officer shall, within fifteen days after such birth, mail

or deliver to the clerk or registrar of the town where such birth occurred, a report stating the facts hereinabove required to be shown on said record and also the said written request, if any; provided, that if said report is not so made within forty-eight hours after such birth, said physician, or officer shall, within said forty-eight hours, mail or deliver to said clerk or registrar a notice stating the date and place of the birth, the street number, if any, the ward number, if in a city, and the family name. Upon presentation to him of a certificate of the town clerk stating that any such birth has been duly reported, the town treasurer shall pay to such physician or officer a fee of twenty-five cents for each birth so reported. Any physician or any such officer violating any provision of this section shall forfeit not more than twenty-five dollars. The said town clerk or registrar shall file daily with the local board of health a list of all births reported to him, showing, as to each, the date of birth, sex, color, family name, residence; ward and physician or officer in charge.

Within sixty days after the date of the birth of any child born in the commonwealth with visible congenital deformities, or any condition apparently acquired at birth which may lead to crippling, the physician in attendance upon said births shall prepare upon a form provided by the state department of public health and file with the clerk of the town where such births occurred a report setting forth such visible congenital deformity, or any condition apparently acquired at birth which may lead to crippling.

Said clerk shall transmit forthwith to said department such supplementary report of such birth. The contents of such birth shall be solely for the use of said department in connection with its functions relative to crippled children, and such report shall not be open to public inspection or constitute a public record.

#### **General Laws, Chap. 46, Sec. 6**

Parents within forty days after the birth of a child, and every householder, within forty days after a birth in his house, shall cause notice thereof to be given to the clerk of the town where such child is born.

#### **General Laws, Chapter 111**

Sections 110 and 111, require physicians, registered hospital medical officers, nurses or other attendants to report at once to the local board of health, every child one or both of whose eyes become inflamed, swollen and red and show an unnatural discharge within two weeks after birth.



# BIRTHS REGISTERED IN TOWN OF READING FOR YEAR 1943

Date	Name	Parent
January		
1	John Paul Treat	Russell L. and Martha M.
3	Ronald Clement Parker	Donald C. and Mildred M.
3	Richard Leroy Parker	Donald C. and Mildred M.
3	Sandra Laroe	Colben J. and Hildur E.
4	Daniel Edmund Merritt	Fred W. and Mary A.
6	Veronica Dee	William H. and Margaret M.
6	Donald John Nicholson	Frank E. and Helen F.
7	Barbara Lee Bell	Fred B. and Marguerite
11	Dean Lamont Giffin	Walter L. and Marjorie A.
14	Aileen Ann Tower	Graham and Lena G.
19	Leslie Helen Pike	Leslie W. and Helen A.
20	Nancy Ann Moore	Elmer W. and Florence V.
21	Dorothy Helene Frederick	Howard C. and Mary D.
24	Arthur Lawrence Doiron, Jr.	Arthur L. and Virginia W.
24	Turenne	Leo F. and Catherine M.
28	Donald Francis Jones	John T. and Elsie M.
28	Katherine Frances Talbot	William M. and Katherine F.
30	Jean Elizabeth Ellis	Walter H. and Gertrude E.

## February

2	Donna Jane Merryman	John B. and Eva M.
3	Barry Wayne Madden	Herbert R. and Myrtle I.
3	Sandra Maureen Spillane	Timothy J. and Arlene D.
3	Howard Watson Hutchinson	Lawrence W. and Dorothy F.
4	Dennis John White	Daniel J. and Elizabeth M.
4	Kenneth Darrell Dole	Albion I. and May E.
5	Judith Frances Phillips	Edward A. and Wilmina B.
5	Brenda Jane Armstrong	Fred J. and Nancy C.
7	Cynthia Mai Wedge	Charles S. and Alice M.
9	Ruth Anderson	Eric A. R. and Minnie M.
9	Laurance William Sardell	George R. and Teresa J.
9	Roger Kensington Sardell	George R. and Teresa J.
9	Leonard Henry Brown	Cyrus A. and Delphine P.
10	Thomas Stephens	Paul T. and Lillian E.
10	Allan Scott Ritcey	Walter G. and Dorothy G.
10	Stanley Russell Orr	Stanley C. and Virginia E.
11	Barbara Jane Beecher	Frank R. and Edna I.
13	Judith Carol Harvey	William R. and Florence M.
13	Marchetti	Leo and Rose A.

# BIRTHS REGISTERED IN TOWN OF READING FOR YEAR 1943

Date	Name	Parent
February		
13	Marcia Ann Poock	Frank N., and Mildred V.
14	Earl Francis Sampson, Jr.	Earl F., and Anna M.
14	Edith Gertrude Smith	Walter A., and Marguerite R.
19	Carl Bernard Bertelsen	Bernard F., and Lorraine V.
20	Mary Charlotte Crowell	Horace E., and Mabel J.
21	Jennifer Sawyer	Roland J., and Frances C.
22	Hugh Paul McGee, Jr.	Hugh P., and Florence A.
23	Peter Warren Libby	Gordon H. N. and Isabel M.
24	John Edward Wilkinson, Jr.	John E., and Barbara H.
24	Marjorie Louise Wood	Calvin A., and Josephine M.
25	James Warren Garland	Ralph S., and Irene G.
25	Dorothy Jean Mansfield	Richard K., and Dorothy B.
27	Ann Higgins	Donald and Eleanor L.
27	William Hobart Sumner, Jr.	William H., and Jeanette S.
March		
1	Paula Creighton Howard	John A. and Alice M.
1	Eleanor Ruth Thompson	Kenneth P., and Ruth H.
2	John Francis Forbes	John J., and Helen E.
3	James William Margeson	John W., and Ardelle H.
8	James William Hubbard	William W., and Mabel L.
8	Robert Joseph Muse	George W. and Marion E.
9	Marjorie Ilene Morrissey	William, and Myrtis S.
10	Daniel Griffin	Henry S., and Elizabeth R.
11	Sara Jane Barnes	Arthur R., and Jane E.
12	Nancy Lee Woodman	Hayward E., and Rebecca S.
12	Margit Mary Bradley	Arthur E. and Margaret C.
13	Walter Frederick Emerson	Frederick J. and Ruth C.
13	Robert Patten Day	Joshua T. and Georgia C.
13	Susan Elizabeth Stone	Ralph D. and Virginia E.
15	Barry Wayne Johnson	Charles E. and Ruth B.
19	Muriel May Peterson	John E. and Kathleen L.
20	Dennis Edward Weadick	Edward D. and Mabel B.
21	John Peter Stosez	Joseph P. and Mary A.
21	Niels Nyberg Trulson	Helge C. and Signild H.
23	Judith Marie Richardson	Austin and Eleanor G.
24	Sandra Jean Orton	Sidney F. and Harriette M.
24	Daniel Edward Stewart	Boyd H. and Lillian M.
25	Marjorie Ann Lomax	Andrew J. and Mary V.
26	Robert Bruce Moore	Vernor H. and Ruth S.
31	Robert Charles Hatch	Robert W. and Margaret M.

# BIRTHS REGISTERED IN TOWN OF READING FOR YEAR 1943

Date	Name	Parent
April		
1	Edward Francis Cartwright, Jr.	Edward F. and Ernestine T.
4	Bert Grundy	Robert A. and Ethel P.
8	Steven Rosario Carucci	Steven F. and Nancy T.
9	Cynthia Jean Moody	Harold M. and Eunice E.
16	Ralph Edward Carter	Willis E. and Thelma L.
16	William John Rooney	George M. and Madeline I.
21	Evelyn Jane Opland	Alfred N. and Lillian B.
24	Heather Anne Chenoweth	David M. and Evelyn A.
25	William Robert Bliss	William C. and Vivian W.
27	Priscilla Jean Bregoli	Albert E. and Ruth M.
27	Barbara Ann White	William H. and Agnes B.
30	Diane Elaine Runge	Wallace E. and Rachel L.

## May

2	Joan Alice Denbow	Chester D. and Louise M.
3	Stephen Stanley Frotten	Paul F. and Lillian G.
3	Rose Marie Lehr	George S. and Gladys G.
4	Pallotta	Libero G. and Louise F.
5	Carol Diane Knowlton	Wallace H. and Alice E.
8	Suzanne Elizabeth Brush	Frederic W. and Frances E.
10	Richard Spillane	Patrick J. and Margaret M.
11	Donald Everett Herrick	Paul E. and Edith M.
11	Mary Elizabeth Fitzpatrick	Thomas J. and Helen E.
13	Robert Jackson Bair	Robert O. and F. Hurley
17	Raymond Reid Jeanes, Jr.	Raymond R. and Ruth A.
18	Muriel Lorraine Duff	Clinton A., and Mildred E.
19	Donald Eugene Conroy	Eugene C. and Mary E.
20	Cornelia Ann Fearon	Walter R. and Gertrude E.
21	Carol Ann Guttadauro	Alfred R. and Katherine F.
21	Rodney Edward Nicholson	Robert R. and Dorothy G.
21	John Russell Bird	John R. and Diana L.
23	Carol Ann Dow	Charles W. and Rose M.
23	Martha Stephanie Wilson	Nelson and Beatrice S.
23	Ronald Edward Sullivan	Charles H. and Bertha D.
24	John James Arnott	John E. and L. Gladys
28	Margaret Elizabeth Pierce	Stanley B. and Dorothy E.
29	Alan Wayne Graustein	Arthur W. and Audrey L.
30	Mary Alice Doherty	Joseph and Alice R.

# BIRTHS REGISTERED IN TOWN OF READING FOR YEAR 1943

Date	Name	Parent
June		
2	Susan Ann Jackson	Charles M. and Mary L.
2	Edward Arthur Hansen	Arthur and Mildred E.
3	Marcia Joan Duval	Leonard E. and Laurette D.
4	Stephen Edward Gonzalo	Frederick W. and Elizabeth F.
5	Marion Elizabeth Malatesta	Charles L. and Marion B.
8	Thomas Brogan	Roy J. and Margaret A.
8	Judith Ann Goddard	Richard B. and Alice L.
8	James William Demenkow	Joseph J. and Genevieve M.
9	Harvey Mason Roberts	Ralph M. and Vena M.
11	Patricia Gallagher	James T. and Helen E.
13	Carol Ruth Waterhouse	George C. and Alice E.
14	Richard Hutchinson Austin, 2d	Richard H. and Dorothy W.
15	Stratford John Millward Ryland	Stratford J. and Ruth N.
19	Paul Ernest Dubois	Ernest J. and Mildrede B.
19	Rose Marie Peters	John and Josephine
21	Paul Kent Shaw	William A. and Rita F.
22	June Ann Keene	Earl R. and Grazilla M.
22	Paul Richard White	Harold B. and Agnes R.
24	Elaine Griffiths French	Robert W. and Edith J.
27	Roger Warren Moore	Warren W. and Margaret K.
28	Linda Joan Doucette	Jeremiah and Florence M.
30	Marion Moodie	Duncan M. and Mabel
30	Albert Joseph Plummer, Jr.	Albert J. and Mary R.
July		
1	Charles Elwood Gile	Everett L. and Virginia W.
1	Elizabeth Ann Hovey	Reginald A. and Constance E.
2	Theresa Frances Heselton	Herbert R. and Edith M.
4	Richard Bruce Hudson	Arthur W. and Thelma Long
6	Carol Ann Margeson	George F. and Bertha S.
6	Carl Philip Stoddard	Joseph R. and Charlotte E.
9	Donald Daniel Cotreau	George A. and Mary A.
10	Thomas Daniel Boudreau	Clifford A. and Ida E.
12	Janet Dyann Arundale	Henry B. and Jane H.
13	Sally Paine Knowles	Edmund F. and Catherine F.
13	Blake	Winslow F. and Ruth A.
13	Barbara Louise Queenan	Frank F. and Gertrude L.
15	John Edward Thompson	Henry I. and Catherine M.

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Date	Name	Parent
July		
16	Vernon Clifford Davis	Augustus U. and Nina P.
16	Jeffrey Stoddard Tucker	Leroy C. and Gladys D.
18	Robert Stanley Stone	Nagel F. and Sikri L.
19	Clarence John Meuse Jr.	Clarence J. and Eva M.
21	Joanne Winters Symmes	Edwin C. and Cleora E.
22	Bruce Temple Nicholson	Harry P. and Virginia
22	Daniel Regan Dunn	Francis J. and Margaret M.
23	Margot VanStone Ladewig	Edward G. and Eleanor
24	Frank Henry Bronk, Jr.	Frank H. and Marjorie E.
24	Joseph Telford Vail	Joseph M. and Marion B.
27	Patricia Holohan	Thomas H. and Esther T.
28	Edward Rufus Lord Jr.	Edward R. and Hannah E.
30	Trina Helena Belzer	Edwin B. and Evelyn H.
August		
2	Linda Ann Jewett	Roger K. and Virginia E.
5	Richard Warner Bordeau	Cyril F. and Louise C.
5	Raymond Arthur Harris	Arthur L. and Helen I.
6	Judith Ann Ducker	George A. and Elizabeth A.
10	Theiss English Tibbs	Charles R. and Theiss M.
10	Robert Francis Dee	James D. and Winifred C.
10	John Manning Robbins Jr.	John M. and Catherine P.
13	Arthur Robert McGee	Arthur J. and Louise N.
14	Berry	James O. and Elizabeth J.
14	Thomas Joseph Coneeney, Jr.	Thomas J. and Kathleen F.
14	Ronald Dennis Rutledge	Wesley S. and Betsy M.
22	Linda Ann Sprague	Harry N. and Irene
23	John Graydon McLeod	John T. and Cynthia J.
25	Kenneth Harold Wheeler	Arthur C. and Pearl E.
25	Richard Paul Sears	Edward L. and Thelma M.
31	David Dow Sias	Ernest R. and Edith H.
September		
2	Becky Darling	George H. and Madalene M.
3	Patricia Jean Weibel	Emerson M. and Jean H.
3	Elaine Marjorie Johnson	Harold L. and Dorothy E.
3	Rufus Attwood Maxfield, 3rd	Rufus A. and Gertrude J.
11	Edward Toner	Joseph P. and Eleanor V.
14	Thomas Francis Cavanaugh	James J. Jr., and Cathleen R.



# BIRTHS REGISTERED IN TOWN OF READING FOR YEAR 1943

Date	Name	Parent
September		
14	Kallenberg	Gordon L. and Olive L.
17	Donald Thomas Westcott	Donald C. and Dorothy M.
20	Carter	Robert E. and Winifred H.
21	Carol Ann Cavanaugh	James J. and Mary F.
24	Nancy Ida Ruderman	Morris and Marion W.
24	Mary Elaine Thornton	James H. and Mary E.
25	Ann Halsey de Brigard	Louis and Susan P.
27	Paul Frederick Junkins, Jr.	Paul F. and Florence M.
October		
3	Vincent Joseph Fierro	Joseph N. and Edith F.
4	Keith Chalmers Spence	Paul W. and Ruth B.
8	Skidmore	Thomas T. and Maybelle L.
11	Judith Alma Kay	John R. and Elizabeth A.
14	Jones	Wilmot W. and Rose H.
14	Leon Henry Sawyer	Frank C. and Olga C.
17	Paul Frederick Frotten, Jr.	Paul F. and Lillian G.
20	Helen Grace Brooks	Horace T. and Lillian M.
21	Ronald Paul Hubbard	Paul V. and Madeline E.
22	Frederick Harry Carr	Harry N. and Francena S.
25	Ann Pond Dyson	Albert O. and Mary P.
25	Charles Barry Call	Alvin M. and Edith H.
30	Robert Douglas Lincoln	Douglas B. and Iris B.
30	Ralph Emerson Snyder, Jr.	Ralph E. and Frances G.
November		
1	Donna May Butt	John M. and Elinor A.
3	Sharon Lee Porter	Willard and Marjorie
6	Margaret Ann Daley	Richard J. and Beatrice M.
9	Barbara Jean Downs	Clayton E. and Helen M.
18	Brian Lance Carr	Leo A. and Arline M.
20	Sara Jean Burns	Robert W. and Jean A.
24	Gilbert Stanley McQuesten	Ernest H. and Verna M.
29	Elinor Marguerite Brennan	William F. and Sylvia M.
December		
1	Susan Marie Collins	Edward J. and Mary J.
1	Beverley Cannon	Howard E. and Lillian H.
1	Paul Kenneth MacDonald, Jr.	Paul K. and Constance T.

# BIRTHS REGISTERED IN TOWN OF READING FOR YEAR 1943

Date	Name	Parent
December		
1	Karen Ruth Esterberg	Wendell L. and Leta E.
6	John Preston Abbott	Stephen A. and Florence J.
7	Russell Woodbury Gonnam	Richard W. and Florence E.
7	Carol Jean Vars	Robert A. and Mildred B.
9	Peter Edward McGoldrick	Albert E. and Priscilla W.
10	Michael Francis Goodwin	Ralph C. and Barbara E.
11	Rosalie Ann Belcamino	Lawrence S. and Virginia R.
11	Carol Ann McHardy	Harold J. and Mary M.
12	Mary Laura Melanson	Harold A. and Lillian M.
14	Paul Vincent Riley	George J. and Dorothy G.
16	Lorraine Duffy	Walter J. and Elizabeth F.
20	John Robert McSheehy	Charles E. and Dorothy O.
22	Richard Edward Lawson	Ronald R. and Ethel B.
22	Carol Marie Martin	William J. and Grace E.
22	Cynthia Joyce Lake	Irving F. and Dorothy J.
23	Dickenson	Herbert and Helen
24	Susan Margaret Hurton	Thomas G. and Margaret R.
25	Salvatore Guastafarro	Angelo and Josephine P.
25	Latham	Cecil R. and Ethel M.
26	Lentine	Mario and Mary N.
29	Ann Louise Ghibellini	Alfred and Rita L.

## AFFIDAVIT AND CORRECTION OF RECORDS OF BIRTH AND DELAYED CERTIFICATES

Date	Name	Parent
1887		
Nov. 20	Emily Mabel Polk	Albert H. and Mabel E.
1890		
June 21	Lawrence Hunt Parker	Harrison H. and Harriet A.
1892		
Aug. 31	Grace Elizabeth Devine	Thomas H. and Josephine M.
1895		
April 20	Julia Ester Bacigalupo	John and Catherine
1897		
Dec. 9	Gertrude May McPherson	Henry C. and Lucy B.
1898		
Aug. 19	Gertrude Pearl Witham	Freeman J. and Susie G.
1900		
June 16	Margaret Fay	Michael and Delia

# AFFIDAVIT AND CORRECTION OF RECORDS OF BIRTH AND DELAYED CERTIFICATES

Date	Name	Parent
1910		
Aug. 2	Mary Frances Lorgeree	John and Honora
1912		
April 14	Donald Fowle Johnson	H. Raymond and Ethel M.
1916		
July 7	Austin Earl Hoffman	Martin and Margaret
1917		
Sept. 21	Shirley Brown	Lewis R. and Beatrice
1920		
June 28	Jeanne Louise LeFave	Albine A. and Mary L.
1920		
Oct. 31	Shirley Ruth Flager	Harold J. and Shirley
1923		
June 29	John Horace Brown	Eli H. and Winifred
1925		
April 27	Margaret Eileen Fitzpatrick	Philip W. and Elizabeth A.
1925		
Sept. 10	Robert Carleton Dugan	George R. and Gertrude P.
1926		
Jan. 16	Richard Edward Brown	Everett W. and Helen M.
Mar. 24	Nancy Ellen Pratt	Wilfred E. and Marion W.
1927		
Jan. 22	William Jackson	Robert H. and Jeannie I.
1937		
July 30	Raymond William Weeks Jr.	Raymond W. and Eileen E.
1937		
Aug. 8	Mary Kiley	Maurice F. and Margaret C.
1942		
May 17	Raymond Reid Jeanes	Raymond R. and Ruth A.
1942		
Sept. 19	Carol Jean Page	Frank S. and Edythe G.

# MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN TOWN OF READING, YEAR 1943

Date	Name	Age	Occupation	Residence
January				
1	Raymond Otis Mansfield	23	U. S. Army	Reading
	Emma Grace Petersen	27	Beautician	Saugus
2	Ernest Raymond Poor	21	Ensign, U.S.N.R.	Bath, N.H.
	Ruth Franklin Poole	22	Sales Lady	Reading
4	Richard Ernest Merrill	24	U. S. Army	North Reading
	Lois Albee	24	Sales Girl	Reading
4	Frederick Perry Balch	44	Salesman	Watertown
	Rita May (Atkins) Girard	43	Graduate Nurse	Newton
7	Earl Henry VanHorn	23	U. S. Navy	Reading
	Barbara Leach	22	Stenographer	Reading
8	Chester Ernest Roberts	20	Student	Reading
	Winifred Corbett	19	Science Aid	Wakefield
17	Gordon Leonard Kallenberg	27	U. S. Navy	Lynnfield
	Olive Lucille Condon	24	Clerk	Reading
17	Richard Joseph Daley	18	Truck Driver	Wilmington
	Beatrice Mae Lawrence	20	At Home	Reading
20	Elwin Miles Nesmith	29	1st Lieut. U. S. Army	Reading
	Ina Helen Bergquist	28	Research Secretary	Reading
26	Jesse Malcolm Anderson	21	U. S. Marines	Reading
	Anna Elizabeth Mullen	17	Housework	Lynnfield
28	Frank Joseph Palazzo	26	U. S. Army	Woburn
	Priscilla Louise Perkins	19	Insurance Clerk	Reading
February				
6	Wilton Ardmore Hood	27	Ensign U.S. N.	Sacramento Calif.
	Anna Marie Reardon	32	Clerk	Reading
27	Beverly George Frizzell	27	Accountant	Wakefield
	Catherine Matilda Faulkner	23	Typist	Reading
March				
4	Charles Cataldo Lavacchia	25	Boiler Maker	No. Woburn
	Dorothy May Evans	21	Tel. Operator	Reading
6	Lloyd Irving Sexton	25	Intern	West Newton
	Mona Frances Mitchell	27	Secretary	Reading
8	William Lionel MacLeod	27	Marine Engineer	Reading
	Barbara Francena Marshall	21	At Home	Reading
11	Donald Martin LeBoeuf	40	U. S. Army	Melrose
	Bernadette M. LeBoeuf (Desfosses)	40	Housewife	Melrose

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Date	Name	Age	Occupation	Residence
March				
12	Thomas Gerard Hurton	21	U. S. Navy	Wakefield
	Margaret Sullivan	22	Payroll Clerk	Reading
19	Charles Nelson Bishop	39	Newspaperman	Reading
	Eleanor Boit Crafts	32	At Home	Reading
22	Vernon L. Foss	21	U. S. Navy	Lynn
	Bernice M. Goodell	22	Office Clerk	Lynn
24	Woodrow A. Cutcliffe	30	U. S. Naval Reserve	Reading
	Elizabeth T. Hosmer	29	Secretary	Stoneham
26	Earle Frank Baker	46	Mechanic	Reading
	Dorothy Victoria Stangroom (Beale)	44	Director of War Nursery School	Winchester
April				
8	George Martin Radulski	23	U. S. Navy	Reading
	Jane Elaine Farrar	23	Hairdresser	Waltham
10	Robert Buckingham Cheyne	21	Naval Aviator	Wakefield
	Shirley Anita Buckler	21	Secretary	Reading
10	Albert Wendell Godfrey	26	Chemist	Reading
	Elvira Louise Thieme	27	Clerk	Reading
10	William Dillon McCarthy	25	U. S. Army	North Reading
	Mildred Marie Murphy	21	Clerk	North Reading
14	William Sherman Anthony	66	Retired	St. Petersburg, Fla.
	Julia Hawsley Spear	70	At home	Seattle, Wash.
16	Norman Carl Brooks	49	Stone Mason	Reading
	Yvonne Grandmont Petzold	49	Nurse	Reading
17	Marcus Kent Fletcher	25	Naval Reserve	Reading
	Jean Gould Bowser	27	Typing Clerk	Wakefield
25	Thomas James Greene	32	Bus Driver	Reading
	Grace Lillian Martin	27	Telephone Operator	Wakefield
25	Thomas Joseph Trainor	25	Florist	Reading
	Ada Victoria Sundquist	22	Inspector	Lowell
May				
1	John Freitas	26	Truck Driver	Reading
	Clare Marie Gullage	20	Clerk	Somerville
2	Lloyd S. Glidden, Jr.	20	Coast Guard	Wakefield
	Lorraine Murphy	19	Clerk	Wakefield
8	Walter Johnson Campbell	23	U. S. Army	Malden
	Patricia Ann Donegan	19	Salesgirl	Reading



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Date	Name	Age	Occupation	Residence
May				
8	Mahlon Bush Hoagland	21	Student	Worcester
	Elizabeth Gertrude Stratton	23	Secretary	Reading
9	John Henry Schmid	32	U. S. Navy	Phillipsburg, N.J.
	Alice Ruth Lake	35	2nd Lieut. Med. Corps	Reading
9	Dominic John Cannuli	18	Farmer	Reading
	Mary Annabell Beauchamp	17	At Home	East Woburn
10	Stephen J. Bilicki	26	R. R. Brakeman	Wakefield
	Pauline N. Litchfield	30	At Home	Reading
15	Richard Weston Fellows	21	Tool Engineer	Reading
	Barbara Gonnam	20	Bank Clerk	Reading
18	Robert Warren Hitchcock	21	U. S. Marines	Reading
	Edith Helen Kimball	19	Student	North Reading
22	Frederick Leonard Flibotte	29	Printer	Cambridge
	Margaret Florence McGrath	38	Stenographer	Reading
23	Frank Dalrymple	20	U. S. Marines	West Ashville, N.C.
	Eleanor Marie Zitzow	19	Stenographer	Reading
25	Charles John Olsen	21	U. S. Army	Reading
	Rose Lucy Coiro	18	Hairdresser	Woburn
30	Charles Calvin Stuart	33	U. S. Army	Newton
	Mary Caroline Lewis Score	32	Student	Reading
30	Stanley Richard Pillman	20	U. S. Coast Guard	Malden
	Dorothy Margaret Higgins	17	Clerk	Reading
June				
5	Joseph Clayton Cort	24	Engineer	Reading
	Arlena Strong	23	Teacher	Reading
5	Michael Francis Craig	28	Clerk	Reading
	Beatrice Teresa Boyd	26	Clerk Typist	Cambridge
6	Loren Ainsley O'Brien	25	U. S. Army	Reading
	Barbara Ann Murphy	24	Parachute Stringer	Lowell
7	Lawrence Norbert Little	22	U. S. Navy	Greenwood
	Natalie Claire Staples	20	Secretary	Reading
8	Philip Winfred Davis	27	U. S. Navy	Reading
	Jean Elisabeth Marriott	22	At Home	Westerly, R.I.
9	Robert Irving Dunn	22	U. S. Army	Reading
	Jessie MacMillan Ferrier	21	Winder	Andover
13	Daniel Nazarino Rufo	26	U. S. Coast Guard	Wakefield
	Palma Rigione	20	Shoeworker	Reading
13	William Arthur Sorenson	32	Lineman	Brookline
	Edna May Godfrey	34	Bookkeeper	Reading

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Date	Name	Age	Occupation	Residence
June				
18	Albert Eugene Preiss	47	Special Police	Wakefield
	Mary Joan (McGrath) Hochberg	41	At Home	Wakefield
19	Frank Francis Queenan	26	Laundry Worker	Reading
	Gertrude Louise Reynolds	21	At Home	Reading
20	George Bernard Williams	45	Steamfitter	Reading
	Dorothy (Pierpont) Ambler	42	Radio Worker	Reading
21	Archie J. Hayes	41	Defense Work	Wakefield
	Barbara C. (Saxton) White	31	At Home	Wakefield
26	William Henry Baade	23	U. S. Army	Decatur, Ill.
	Barbara Gibson	23	Registered Nurse	U.S. Army Reading
27	Robert Stearns Goodwin	25	Truck Driver	Reading
	Hilda Marie Hutchinson	21	Rubber Worker	Medford
July				
2	Leonard Frank Nichols	30	Soldier U.S.A.	Reading
	Elma Rita Capi	30	Waitress Great Barrington, Mass.	
7	Ralph Edgar Wilson	46	Aux. Military Police	Reading
	Gladys Marguerite (Newhouse) Lane	35	Social Worker	Reading
11	Thomas Joseph Power	37	U. S. Army	Woburn
	Marion Gertrude Scanlon	35	Filler	Reading
14	John S. Jenderseck	27	U. S. Army	St. Cloud, Minn.
	Catherine O'Donnell	21	General Electric	Wakefield
14	Bernard D. Doucette	21	U. S. Army	Reading
	Mary C. Morrison	25	Defense Worker	Malden
16	Alfred A. Ghibellini	28	U. S. Naval Reserve	Wakefield
	Rita Louise Riley	23	Stenographer	Reading
17	Louis Estes Emerson	27	RM 2/c U.S. Navy	Reading
	Elinor Mae Jones	22	Secretary	Brunswick, Me.
17	John Orville Hiram Woodman	61	Chief Yard Clerk	Reading
	Nellie (Warner) Foster	52	At Home	Reading
18	William John Richmond	23	U. S. Naval Reserve	Reading
	Patricia Ruth Lane	19	Typist	Reading
18	George Aloysius Harney	25	Army Air Corps	Lynn
	Rita Mildred Gillis	24	Telephone Operator	Reading
18	Julian Weston Hurd	26	Rigger	Reading
	Renzel Mae Holland	22	Inspector	Everett

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## July

24	Frank Earle Richardson	25	Student	Medford
	Dorothy Elizabeth Sloane (Baldwin)	23	Secretary	Medford
24	George William Russell	40	Factory Worker	Wakefield
	Ruby Estelle Lovejoy	26	At Home	Reading
24	Littleton Read Ball	27	U. S. M. S.	Norfolk, Va.
	Patricia Remick	21	Receptionist	Reading
25	Charles Fairneny	19	Bakery Salesman	Reading
	Norma Rosann Oliva	16	Machine Operator	Boston
26	William Franklin Campbell	45	Carpenter	Reading
	Dagmer Amalea (Miller) Boutwell	37	Waitress	Woburn
27	Stephen Edward Lobo	36	U. S. Army	Granville, N.Y.
	Marilyn Maxon	23	At Home	Reading
31	Waldo Harding Burnham	22	Electrical Engineer	East Edgecomb, Maine
	Priscilla Frances Reed	21	Registered Nurse	Boothbay, Me.

## August

10	Robert Malcolm Wheeler	21	Merchant Seaman	Wakefield
	Catherine Elizabeth Tebeau	20	Stitcher	Reading
15	John Michael Flaherty	28	Clerk	Reading
	Marion Gertrude Aylward	25	Stenographer	Woburn
16	John Harold Robbins	21	Defense Worker	Reading
	Barbara Ruth Kelly	18	Bank Book Keeper	Reading
28	Joseph Francis Stafford	21	Linotype Operator	Malden
	Agnes Rita McGrath	19	Telephone Operator	Reading

## September

1	Joseph Edison Pike	25	Student	Reading
	Louise Talbot	19	At Home	Lowell
2	William C. McKay	23	Ship Fitter	Quincy
	Pauline (Eames) Bertocci	23	Secretary	Reading
9	Leonard Enos Rose	19	Assembler	Reading
	Barbara Ann May	16	At Home	Pittsfield, Mass.
11	William Scott Crane	22	Electrician	Melrose
	Blanche Marie Lundgren	25	Stenographer	Malden
16	Edward Gillespie O'Dowd	32	Foreman	Reading
	Eunice Gertrude Gouthro	39	Receptionist	Brookline

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Date	Name	Age	Occupation	Residence
September				
18	Alfred Elwin Lindquist	25	Sheet Metal Worker	Reading
	Marie Helecta Reed	22	Secretary	Reading
18	George Arthur Cohill	21	Marine Radio Oper.	East Orange, N.J.
	Lois Bassett Ives	19	Draftswoman	Reading
18	Clayton John Hopel	21	U. S. Navy	Gretna, Louisiana
	Edna Louise Frotten	21	Factory Worker	Reading
21	Clarence Allen Chapman	23	U. S. Navy	Reading
	Muriel Carmelita Comeau	24	Office Worker	Watertown
25	Robert O. Davison	28	Registered Embalmer	Malden
	Parrlene B. Brenton	27	Clerk	Malden
26	Emlen Tracy Hutchins	23	U. S. Army	Malone, N. Y.
	Mary Folsom	21	At Home	Reading
26	Francis Alfred Gonsalves	28	Foreman	Woburn
	Marion Maher Henderson	21	Nurse	Melrose
October				
9	Russell William Burbine	28	Patrolman	Reading
	Winifred Bernice Frain	30	Machine Operator	Malden
9	Marcel Marie Kerhuel	23	Sailor, French Navy	Kerlouan, Brest, France
	Jeanne Louise Lefave	23	Assembler	Reading
10	Claude Albert Clarke	22	U. S. C. G.	Lexington, Mass.
	Winifred May Emery	18	Typist	Reading
14	Horace Norman Lander	20	U.S. Army Air Corps	Reading
	Donna Ruth Packer	20	Stenographer	Reading
16	Harold Seymour Roberts	21	U. S. Army	Reading
	Helen Doris Crane	21	File Clerk	Reading
17	John Frank Bronk	26	Athletic Trainer	Reading
	Helen Rita Walsh	20	Clerk	Reading
20	William Thompson Partridge	22	U. S. Army	Winchester
	Dorothy Marie Cress	20	Bockkeeper	Reading
23	Leon Arthur Hershey	44	Engineer	Boston
	Marjorie June Vaughan	24	Stenographer	Reading
23	Harry Butters	46	Insurance	Woburn
	Charlotte Booker Fishman	30	Insurance	Woburn
23	Edward Allan Totty	29	Lieut. U. S. Navy	Troy, N.Y.
	Wilma Arnold Haley	28	Secretary	Reading
23	William Wittman Bishop	24	U. S. Army	Wilmington, Del.
	Linda Twombly	21	At Home	Reading

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Date	Name	Age	Occupation	Residence
October				
24	Philip Leslie Spaulding	28	U. S. Army	Melrose
	Edith Turner Leach	25	Secretary	Reading
29	George B. Arsenault	19	Truck Driver	Wilmington, Mass.
	Gladys W. Strem	19	Office Worker	Wilmington, Mass.
30	John Ellis McKelligan	24	U. S. Army	Concord, N.H.
	Norma Frances Kendall	23	Expediter	Reading
30	Paul T. Smith	30	Sta. Engineer	Lynn
	Mary E. Reilly	20	Nurse	Lynn
31	John Myles Duff, Jr.	24	U. S. Army	Melrose
	Frances Agnes Doucette	24	Secretary	Reading
31	Herbert Edward Carter, Jr.	21	U. S. Army	Reading
	Frances Estelle Murray	23	Stenographer	Charlestown
November				
4	Oliver Kelly Hulsey	23	U. S. Coast Guard	Benton, Ark.
	Katherine Gleason Pierce	26	Stenographer	Reading
8	Stephen Denison Adams	74	Merchant	Reading
	Helen (MacKay) MacBay	57	Store Manager	Reading
9	Ronald Edgar DePatie	25	U. S. Army	Reading
	Olive Mary Muse	24	Tel. Operator	Wakefield
9	Dana Austin Goodwin	21	U. S. Army	No. Reading
	Beverly Ann Buckler	19	At Home	Reading
11	James Henry Howard	26	U. S. Navy	Reading
	Grace Lucille Leonard	26	Bookkeeper	Brighton
12	John Wilbur Smith	19	U. S. Army	Reading
	Filomena D'Ambrosio	18	Cashier	Somerville
16	Armand Andre Nucci	31	Chef	Stoneham
	Alice Anna Gorey	21	At Home	Reading
17	John Richard Sawyer	23	Army Air Corps	Reading
	Jean Bacon	20	Draftswoman	Norwood
18	Albert Tine	20	Seaman	Reading
	Anna Gemma Costa	17	At Home	Somerville
24	Charles Roland Stuart	21	U. S. Navy	Reading
	Ruth Marion Lenfest	19	Bank Clerk	Woburn
25	A. Ernest Corindia	21	Pharmacist U.S.A.	Wakefield
	Dorothy E. Macmann	21	School teacher	Reading
28	George Leslie Hodgkins	21	U. S. Army	Reading
	Hazel Alma Anderson	23	Stenographer	Wakefield
30	Howard Wellington Giles	60	Die Maker	Wakefield
	Hazel Mae (Crafts) Stewart	38	Pianist	Reading



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Date	Name	Age	Occupation	Residence
December				
1	Herbert Scott Watkins	23	U. S. Army	No. Reading
	Lorraine (Runge) Courtney	22	Waitress	Reading
4	Roland Boyden Hoag	39	Lawyer	Reading
	Barbara Simonds	27	Secretary	Arlington
4	Evan Peter Edward	21	U. S. Army	Rapid City, So. Dak.
	Lorraine Day	20	Office Work	Reading
5	Bedford Reid Snowden	56	Male Nurse	Reading
	Ida (Poole) Jayne	53	Nurse	Reading
6	Paul Frances Doucette	25	U.S. Merchant Marine	Reading
	Gertrude Jean Doucette	17	Machinist	Reading
12	William John Greene	27	Machinist	Reading
	Ethel Marion Bekkenhuis	25	Inspector	Stoneham
12	Herbert Eliot Stark	22	U. S. Army	Reading
	Ruth Frances Whitton	20	Salesgirl	North Reading
20	James Carisella	49	Truck Driver	Wakefield
	Mary Laura Corbin	33	Solderer	Wakefield
23	Carl Albano	35	Grill Man	Somerville
	Mary Lowell	18	Factory Worker	Lynn
24	Bernard Antonio Croce	26	Truck Driver	Wakefield
	Evelyn Ruth Shaw	19	Canadian Women's Army Corps	Reading
24	Richard D. Avery	22	U. S. Army	Wakefield
	Martha E. Thompson	20	Machine Oper	Chicopee, Mass.
30	John T. Costello	41	U. S. Navy Res.	Malden
	Susan D. Miller	31	Stenographer	North Reading
31	John Pershing Hearson	25	U. S. Army	Dorchester
	Mary Josephine Kelleher	25	School Teacher	Reading

# MARRIAGES IN OTHER YEARS

Date	Name	Age	Occupation	Residence
1932				
December				
31	John Frank Robbins	26	Millhand	Reading
	Mary Beatrice Meuse	20	Housework	Reading
1937				
June				
26	Roy A. Nason	45	Ice cream Maker	No. Reading
	Winifred B. Rogers	45	Teacher	Gloucester
1940				
May				
28	Ernest Gilman Marshall	24		Reading
	Ruth Ellen Johnson	19		Reading
1940				
June				
2	John William Done	21		Reading
	Rita Blanche Parker	19		Andover
1940				
November				
16	Robert Joseph Raymond			Melrose
	Elaine Newhouse	18		Reading
1940				
November				
20	George Mead Guibord, Jr.	20		Reading
	Eunice Estella Randlett	20		Salem Depot, N.H.
1942				
March				
14	Harley Cummings Nelson	23	U. S. Army	Reading
	Priscilla Mildred Garey	19	Receptionist	Reading

# DEATHS REGISTERED IN TOWN OF READING FOR YEAR 1943

Date	Name	Y	M	D	Cause of Death
January					
4	Rosalie H. Jones	84	4	26	Intracapsula Fracture of Hip
6	Harriett A. Clarkson	80	1	26	Arteriosclerosis
6	Elizabeth Bernard (Crook)	49	9	16	Asphyxiation
9	Helen S. Poland	78	3	22	Uremia Poisoning
15	John N. Weston	82	1	10	Cerebral Hemorrhage
21	Addie E. Runkle	77	5	11	Heart Disease
21	Jane A. Gorton	81		2	Acute Heart Attack
23	May Adams	71	9	23	Chronic Myorcarditis
24	Turenne				Stillborn
24	Catherine M. Turenne	37	—	14	Eclampsia of Pregnancy
27	Fortunato Schiaffino	83	—	—	Arteriosclerosis
31	Henry W. Battles	78	8	9	Intestinal Obstruction
February					
1	Mabel V. Freeman	51	3	—	Chronic Myocarditis
1	Howard D. Goodwin	27	5	21	Concussion of Brain
3	Barry W. Madden				Stillborn
5	Abel E. Prescott	84	7	26	Myocarditis
8	Georgia F. Rich	63	1	10	Carcinoma of Lung
9	Sardell			55 Min.	Prematurity
9	Sardell			1 Hour	Prematurity
11	Cynthia M. Wedge	—		4 Days	Prematurity
13	Marchetti			2 Hours	Prematurity
13	Uella W. Currell	72	11	26	Coronary Heart Disease
14	Emily D. Gaskill	67	8	17	Carcinoma
18	Alfred F. C. Neilsen	56	7	10	Acute Cardiac Failure
22	Minerva C. Carnes	85	7	30	Cerebral Hemorrhage
22	Josephine Bonanno	62	—	—	Coronary Occlusion
23	John F. Corrigan	87	10	—	Coronary Thrombosis
24	Peter W. Libby			14 Hours	Cerebral Hemorrhage
24	Christine M. MacKay (MacEachen)	63	—	—	Rheumatic Heart Disease
28	Frances A. Batchelder	93	4	6	Bronchial Pneumonia
March					
3	Warren L. Fletcher	67	5	23	Arteriosclerosis
3	Margeson			10 Mins	Monstrosity
4	Margaret Bond (Cole)	80	11	4	Chronic Nephritis

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Date	Name	Y	M	D	Cause of Death
March					
5	Sarah A. Collins	65	5	13	Coronary Thrombosis
7	John A. Miner	63	7	17	Coronary Thrombosis
12	William F. O'Brien	55	2	1	Cerebral Hemorrhage
16	Thomas R. Hogan	95	—	14	Cardio Vascular Disease
20	Perley L. Conrey	64	2	12	Cerebral Hemorrhage
20	Laura M. Krook	90	9	21	Arteriosclerosis
23	Cora M. Page	78	2	23	Cerebral Hemorrhage
30	Peter Ainsworth	82	—	—	Carcinoma
31	Charles R. Henderson	75	8	2	Coronary Thrombosis
April					
3	Araminta Eames	78	5	3	Cerebral Hemorrhage
7	Mary A. Kingman	92	4	6	Coronary Thrombosis
7	Henry P. Harnden	69	1	13	Chronic Myocarditis
8	Frank S. Ferreira	78	7	23	Cerebral Hemorrhage
10	Winifred E. Manley	70	3	18	Heart Disease
12	William B. Gifford	42	4	13	Cerebral Thrombosis
12	Ethel E. Grant	64	10	30	Pulmonary Embolism
14	Orville B. Johnson	86	5	17	Chronic Myocarditis
17	Minerva G. Ellingwood (Gilman)	47	—	—	Lobar Pneumonia
20	George H. Pomfret	62	4	20	Carcinoma Of Intestine
21	Mary E. Tonry	66	—	—	Coronary Thrombosis
24	Charles B. Harris	65	11	9	Chronic Myocarditis
27	Frank A. Surette	68	8	9	Carcinoma of Bowel
28	Eliza MacVarish	71	1	13	Chronic Myocarditis
28	Edna S. Herrick	61	3	19	Cerebral Hemorrhage
30	John Hardiman	78			Arteriosclerosis
May					
3	Ada L. Rodgers	76	4	7	Coronary Thrombosis
4	Baby Palotta				Stillborn
5	Mary E. Scott	84	4	5	Myocarditis
10	Maude C. (Elliott) Hill	64			Arteriosclerotic Heart
12	Anita Broder (Sasco)	21		22	Struck by Train
12	Ann Mitchell	66	5	3	Heart Disease
13	Charles William Abbott	77	6	27	Cancer
19	Annie E. Wildon	82	1	24	Fracture of Right Femur
19	Mabel W. Wiley	75	9	20	Cerebral Hemorrhage

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May					
20	Warren A. Chalmers	11		17	Cerebro Spinal Meningitis
23	Lizzie F. Danforth	80	1	23	Carcinoma
24	Addie W. Ireland (Woodcock)	63	7	8	Heart Disease
24	Charles N. Rogers	15	1	20	Accidental Drowning
27	Walter E. Johnson	67	7	7	Pernicious Anemia
30	Milledge A. Crossman	77	8	14	Cerebral Hemorrhage

#### June

2	Herbert D. Comey	58	6	28	Cardio-vascular Disease
3	Casper Arzigian	63	—	—	Chr. Myocarditis
9	William Chester Dulong	45	8	19	Epilepsy
11	Anders T. Bernston	64	5	28	Carcinoma
11	Samuel Dean Rounds	58	11	26	Heart Failure
12	William D. Williams	70	4	19	Chronic Myocarditis
12	Louise E. Thieme (Hammann)	49	7	2	Subacute Bacterial endocarditis
16	Ina C. Hartwell	74	7	24	Arteriosclerosis
22	Nellie Danforth (Brown)	79	11	6	Intestinal obstruction
23	Thomas Francis Walsh	47	9	—	Coronary Thrombosis
25	Clara M. Fogg	77	5	1	Terminal Broncho- pneumonia
28	Philip H. Tirrell	73	2	17	Cerebral hemorrhage

#### July

4	John Turcheta	22	1	28	Epilepsy
5	Maria Richards	100	6	20	Myocarditis
6	George A. Spencer	76	11	3	Cardio Renal Disease
8	Charles DeMar	8	11	19	Rheumatic Heart Disease
10	Catherine Farrell	51	—	—	Uremia
10	Olive S. Perry	54	6	19	Carcinoma
13	Blake	—	—	—	Stillborn
20	Christian Herbolzheimer	80	5	20	Cerebral Hemorrhage
25	Beulah J. Platts (Bancroft)	87	5	1	Senility
25	Maria Bartley	91	—	12	Senility
27	Clara F. Pitman	72	10	23	Cancer of Colon
29	Charles H. Duren	74	9	15	Coronary Thrombosis



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Date	Name	Y	M	D	Cause of Death
July					
August					
2	Louise B. Goodwin	68	6	3	Bronchial Pneumonia
5	Flora DeLaske (Jones)	77	4	30	Broncho Pneumonia
14	Josephine M. Goff	54	—	—	Vaginal Uterine Prolapse
14	Elma I. Kenney	85	4	29	Cerebral Hemorrhage
14	Homer A. Durgin	58	—	25	Cardio Vascular Disease
14	Eva E. A. Dunphy	81	9	14	Arteriosclerotic Heart
14	Berry	—	—	—	Stillborn
September					
2	Carrie F. Stinchfield	86	7	28	Arteriosclerosis
6	Annie T. Pulsifer	68	—	—	Carcinoma
7	Susan L. Jarvis	64	9	15	Cerebral Hemorrhage
9	Stephen M. Allen	80	5	10	Coronary Thrombosis
12	Herman T. Goodwin	53	5	26	Accidental Drowning
18	Percy M. Graves	58	—	—	Coronary Occlusion
19	John Bradbury	70	8	29	Coronary Occlusion
20	Carter 2 hrs. 45 mins.				Prematurity
23	Lillian K. Sawyer	75	10	18	Cardio Vascular Disease
23	Lulu Yorke	73	9	27	Cancer
23	Jennie T. Merrill	85	9	11	Cerebral Hemorrhage
24	Henrietta S. Stosez	35	11	23	Pulmonary Tuberculosis
26	Elizabeth C. Fennell	84	7	2	Carcinoma
27	John A. MacDonald	55	2	1	Ventricular Flutter
28	Frederick H. Miller	59	7	26	Coronary Thrombosis
28	Mary H. Hibbard	59	9	13	Carcinoma
30	George W. Stevens	77	—	10	Arteriosclerosis
October					
8	Skidmore	6	Min.		Subarachnoid Hemorrhage
17	Margaret C. Zitzow	20	2	18	Pulmonary Tuberculosis
20	Edward W. Tasney Sr.	71	8	17	Cancer
20	Galan A. Parker	94	5	10	Coronary Thrombosis
23	Edward L. Chamberlain	86	9	3	Chronic Nephritis
24	Elna Conti (Fiorani)	65	2	3	Cerebral Hemorrhage
26	Margaret B. Sherritt	77	7	28	Coronary Thrombosis

# DEATHS REGISTERED IN TOWN OF READING FOR YEAR 1943

Date	Name	Y	M	D	Cause of Death
October					
29	Ida J. Page	87	1	29	Coronary Thrombosis
31	Evelyn L. (Goodale) Taber	36	6	16	Pulmonary Tuberculosis
November					
2	Emma Hutchinson (Newhouse)	72	7	8	Cerebral Thrombosis
2	Robert W. French	34		3	Broncho Pneumonia
11	Mary (Higgins) Murray	82	—	—	Cancer
12	Lena Radulski	56	—	—	Acute Cardiac Dilatation
14	Horace E. Fellows	78	10	14	Carcinoma
19	John W. Griswold	85	—	—	Broncho Pneumonia
20	Winifred R. White (Burbine)	59	—	—	Carcinoma
25	Sadie S. Bogle (Stewart)	66	5	18	Cerebral Hemorrhage
25	Bertena E. Temple	70	4	29	Coronary Thrombosis
26	Henry H. Pierce	79	6	19	Liver Cirrhosis
December					
6	Nellie A. Gould	69	—	—	Coronary Thrombosis
7	Alexander W. Hodson	70	3	4	Heart Disease
8	Frank A. Butters	81	2	8	Cardio Vascular Disease
10	Michael F. Keating	73			Cerebral Hemorrhage
10	Burton K. Symonds	73	10	12	Cardio Vascular Disease
12	Bertha L. Childs	71	1	27	Cerebral Hemorrhage
15	Ella A. Smith				Chr. Myocarditis
16	Harris E. Bowers	58			Arteriosclerosis
18	Elvy M. Prentiss	70	6	17	Carcinoma
18	Albin Starke	66	1	30	Cerebral Hemorrhage
18	Frederick Wakeling	80	6	0	Cardiac Decompensation
21	Joseph W. Bradeen	87	6	4	Coronary Thrombosis
21	James F. Carroll	49	1	24	Broncho Pneumonia
21	Frank L. Noble	82	2	10	Carcinoma Rectum
22	Annie Trueworthy	81			Blow on the Head (Fracture Skull)
22	Paul K. MacDonald Jr.	—	—	22	Hydrocephalus (congenital)
25	Latham	—	—	—	Stillborn
26	Wilmon B. Chipman	42	5	17	Lobar Pneumonia
27	Clara A. Ford	87	3	—	Arteriosclerosis
28	Ella M. Chipman	79	9	14	Chronic Myocarditis
31	Annie C. Swanson (Larson)	85	10	6	Chronic Nephritis

**REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK ON FISH AND GAME  
LICENSES ISSUED IN 1943**

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147	Fishing Licenses @ \$2.00 .....	\$	294.00
113	Hunting Licenses @ \$2.00 .....		226.00
44	Sporting Licenses @ \$3.25 .....		143.00
26	Women's and Minors Licenses @ \$1.25 .....		32.50
3	Trapping Licenses @ \$5.25 .....		15.75
19	Hunting, Fishing and Trapping Licenses—Free .....	—	
2	Duplicate Licenses .....		1.00
1	Non-Resident 3-Day Fishing License @ \$1.50 .....		1.50
1	Non-Resident Fishing License .....		5.25
9	Military and Naval Licenses—Free .....	—	
1	Old Age Assistance Fishing License—Free .....	—	
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366	Licenses issued—Value .....	\$	719.00
	Less Fees to the Town—335 @ 25c .....	\$	83.75
	Amount to Fish and Game Commission .....	\$	635.25

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**REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK ON DOG LICENSES  
ISSUED IN 1943**

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472	Male Dog Licenses @ \$2.00 .....	\$	944.00
88	Female Dog Licenses @ \$5.00 .....		440.00
289	Spayed Female Dog Licenses @ \$2.00 .....		578.00
3	Kennel Licenses @ \$25.00 .....		75.00
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	Total Value of Licenses Issued .....	\$	2,037.00
	Less Fees to the Town .....		170.40
	Amount to County .....	\$	1,866.60

## REPORT OF TOWN CLERK ON FEES PAID TO THE TOWN

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Birth Certificates .....	\$ 98.00
Death Certificates .....	31.00
Voters' Certificates .....	2.00
Bill of Sale .....	1.00
Marriage Licenses and Certificates .....	264.50
Mortgages and Discharges .....	181.50
Postage .....	1.43
Pole Locations .....	51.75
Dog License Transfers .....	.50
Affidavits of Birth and Marriages .....	4.75
Bill of Sale .....	1.00
Certificate of Business and Doctors .....	3.75
Duplicate Dog Tag .....	2.00
Assignment of Mortgages and Wages .....	1.50
Gasoline Permits .....	22.50
Certified Paper .....	.25
Transfer of Interest .....	.75
Certificate of Residence .....	.25
Agreement .....	2.00
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	\$ 670.43

## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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To the Citizens of the Town of Reading:

The annual report of the Board of Selectmen for the year ended December 31, 1943 is hereby submitted:

At a special meeting held March 1, 1943 the Board organized as follows:

Herbert K. Miller, Chairman  
Kenneth C. Latham, Secretary  
Charles E. Wilkinson  
Leon G. Bent, Clerk

Meetings were held regularly throughout the year on Monday evenings and such other times as were required. To better acquaint the townspeople with the workings of their Board of Selectmen, we this year inaugurated the publishing of a weekly summary in the Reading Chronicle of our agenda.

Reports of the various Town Departments under the jurisdiction of your Board of Selectmen, appear on other pages of this report. We, this year, will report only the highlights of the Board's activities for 1943:

Revised the Taxi By Laws and Regulations for the first time since 1925.

Closed W.P.A. Feb. 1, 1943 and disposed of W.P.A. equipment.

Amended several existing traffic regulations. Entire regulations to be completely revised and corrected in 1944.

Reorganized civilian defense under Mr. Edward F. Drew, Winifred F. Spurr and John B. Russell. The organization, although less active, is still intact and ready for any emergency that may arise.

Redistricted the town into four precincts under the new limited form of Town Meeting Government and conducted educational work among various groups to explain the same.

Again sponsored Servicemen's Auxiliary Drive for funds for Christmas boxes for Reading men and women in the service. Drive was conducted by the Reading Associates and headed by Mr. John Griffin.

Sponsored a curfew law of 10:00 P.M. for children under 16 years of age for the Town. After enactment of same, have maintained enforcement.



Board perambulated all Town bounds. Plans to recommend certain boundary changes as a result thereof.

Town received excellent co-operation from Auxiliary Police under Chief Cullinane and Capt. Smith on enforcement of town curfew law and regular police cruising and police patrol work.

Board received excellent co-operation and support from the Auxiliary Fire Department under Chief Eames. On the job twenty-four hours a day, their efforts have resulted in immeasurable benefits to the townspeople and property.

Board sold several parcels of land taken for taxes and set up a schedule of all Town land available for sale, which citizens may look over at the Selectmen's office.

Salvage Committee reorganized first under Mr. Philip P. Welch and Mr. George G. Rogers and then again under Mr. Otis B. Ruggles. Conducted numerous drives which resulted, not alone in cash to the Town, but great aid to the war effort.

Appointed Commander H. Wilson Powers and an American Legion Committee to plan Honor Roll. Same was built by school pupils under expert guidance of Mr. Roderick E. MacDonald of the Reading School Dept. A fitting ceremony of dedication was held when Reading's Honor Roll, a tribute to the more than 1,300 Reading Citizens in the Armed Services of our Country, was unveiled.

These are but a few of the many highlights of our year. The co-operation of our departments, and those who make up these departments, has been excellent. Their fine work has made our tasks easier. The ready volunteering of their services by our citizens for civilian defense, for town committees, etc. has indeed been gratifying. The friendly helpful efforts of our fellow town officers and their Boards and the Reading Chronicle, has continued throughout 1943. To them, one and all, our heartfelt appreciation.

Respectfully submitted:

HERBERT K. MILLER, Chairman  
KENNETH C. LATHAM, Secretary  
CHARLES E. WILKINSON

**Twenty-third Annual Report**  
**of the**  
**BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS**  
**For the Year Ended**  
**December 31, 1943**

## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

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To the Citizens of the Town of Reading:

The Board of Public Works submits herewith its Annual Report for the year ending December 31, 1943.

The Board reorganized on March 8, 1943 at the first regularly scheduled meeting after the March election. Wendell P. Davis was re-elected Chairman; Edward A. Brophy was reelected Secretary; Philip Welch was reappointed as Superintendent.

Mr. Edward A. Brophy, a member of the Board for seven years, resigned on September 27, 1943, as his business had caused him to change his residence from Reading to Bristol, New Hampshire. The Board accepted Mr. Brophy's resignation with sincere regret and extended to him their thanks for his years of faithful and conscientious service on the Board.

Mr. Alexander Lindsay was elected Secretary of the Board following Mr. Brophy's resignation.

Regularly scheduled Board meetings were held during the year, as well as several special meetings. Members of the Board were also appointed to serve on several special committees. Thirty-three Public Hearings were advertised and held on varied matters including trunk sewer extensions, storm water drainage easements, water main extensions, Municipal Light Department and New England Telephone and Telegraph pole and conduit locations, etc.

The Board has endeavored to carry on the services of the various Departments under its control insofar as the shortage of man-power and scarcity of material will allow. Many of our employees have been forced to work long hours overtime to make such services possible, which they have willingly done. This was particularly true during snow removal work.

Relative to snow removal work, the Board caused to be printed in the Reading Chronicle an article addressed to the citizens of Reading acquainting them with the problems of the department which would arise from heavy snowfalls, and requesting their forbearance in event of possible temporary delays in snow removal. The Board feels that the townspeople will recognize the problems that snow storms will bring and that they will be both cooperative and patient.

After due deliberation and investigation, the Board went on record at a public hearing in the State House in opposition to House Bill 1334, later enacted as Chapter 543 Acts of 1943, being an Act relative to the furnishing of water to towns in the Metropolitan Water District and certain other towns, by the Metropolitan Water Commission.

The provisions of Chapter 75 Acts of 1943, being an Act authorizing towns and cities to plough and harrow or furnish other aid in the cultivation of private land for the purpose of conserving the food sup-

ply, was adopted by the Board, and many Victory Vegetable Gardens were ploughed and harrowed by the department, as a war-time emergency service.

Early in May, the Board invited a large group of citizens representing all church, fraternal and civic groups to a joint meeting, the purpose of which was to discuss the necessity for and the scope of a recreational and educational program for children during the 1943 summer months, as a curb to and preventative of possible juvenile delinquency. The result of this meeting was the formation of the Reading Recreation Committee, composed of the following citizens: Mr. Gilbert M. Lothrop, chairman, Mrs. Charles A. Holcomb, Mr. Herbert K. Miller and Rev. Dr. Charles Lancaster.

A well balanced, excellently administered recreation program was carried out at the parks, playgrounds and schools during July and August by the Committee. The Board recommends a similar program be carried on in 1944.

In the will of the late Dr. Ethel Grant was a stipulation that the residue of her estate be used for the erection of either a fountain or swimming pool in Memorial Park or a fountain in Reading Common. The Board is grateful for this bequest, and believes that either of the two installations would be of benefit to the Town.

The Board has actively cooperated with the Post-War Planning Committee, and has presented to it a detailed list of worthwhile Public Works for post-war use, broken down into estimated costs for labor and material. A member of the Board was appointed to this Committee, as well as to the Capital Expenditures Budgeting Committee.

For a more detailed report of the work accomplished by the various departments comprising the Board of Public Works, reference is made to the report of the Superintendent which follows this report.

The Board wishes to extend its thanks to the other Town departments for their courtesy, help and cooperation during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

GILBERT M. LOTHROP  
EDWARD TEER

WENDELL P. DAVIS, Chairman  
ALEXANDER LINDSAY, Secretary  
Board of Public Works

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### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

To the Board of Public Works:  
Gentlemen:

As required by Section 4, Chapter 118 of an act authorizing the Town of Reading to establish a Board of Public Works, I respectfully submit for your consideration the twenty-third annual report of the Department of Public Works, (Water, Highway, Sewer and Park) including a financial report of each department, and a chronicle of the principal work performed with recommendations for the coming year.

## WATER DEPARTMENT

### Maintenance Account:

Appropriation and Transfers ..... \$ 52,428.69

### Expenditures:

#### 1. Office Maintenance:

Pay Roll .....	\$ 4,210.24
Supplies, Printing, etc. ....	710.91
Insurance .....	1,849.77

\$ 6,770.92

#### 2. Pumping Station Costs:

##### Station No. 1, Mill St.

Pay Roll .....	\$ 379.58
Light, Phone, Fuel .....	484.56
Misc. Supplies and Repairs ..	42.05

\$ 906.19

##### Station No. 2, Strout Avenue

Pay Roll .....	\$ 1,430.78
Light and Power .....	5,142.56
Fuel Oil .....	241.10
Misc. Supplies and Repairs ...	273.40

\$ 7,087.84

##### Filtration Plant

Pay Roll .....	\$ 1,714.62
Engrs. Weston & Sampson ...	300.00
Coke Bed .....	1,608.13
Misc. Supplies and Repairs ...	236.43

\$ 3,859.18

#### 3. Well Line:

Pay Roll .....	\$ 686.48
Misc. Supplies .....	43.70

\$ 730.18

#### 4. Maintenance of Meters:

Pay Roll .....	\$ 1,821.58
Supplies, Misc. ....	395.89

\$ 2,217.47

#### 5. Maintenance of Service Pipes:

Pay Roll .....	\$ 3,276.86
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Supplies, Misc. ....	145.89	
		\$ 3,422.75
6. Maintenance of Main Pipes:		
Pay Roll .....	\$ 761.69	
Supplies, Tools and Misc. ....	1,353.59	
		\$ 2,115.28
7. Maturing Bonds .....		9,000.00
8. Bond Interest .....		655.00
9. Garage Maintenance:		
Fuel Oil .....	\$ 176.90	
Supplies and Misc. ....	215.46	
		\$ 392.36
10. Main Pipe Construction:		
None.		
11. Service Pipe Construction:		
Pay Roll .....	\$ 276.99	
Supplies .....	99.10	
		\$ 376.09
12. Meter Construction:		
New Meters .....	\$ 100.80	
		\$ 100.80
13. Hydrant Maintenance:		
Pay Roll .....	\$ 324.58	
Supplies and Repairs .....	148.78	
		\$ 473.36
14. Standpipe Maintenance:		
Pay Roll and Misc. ....		\$ 10.90
15. Defense:		
Pay Roll—Guards .....	\$ 3,825.34	
Misc. Lights, Phone, etc. ....	227.78	
		\$ 4,053.12
16. Miscellaneous:		
Pay Roll—General .....	\$ 1,891.29	
Victory Gardens .....	123.77	
Salvage Collection .....	140.43	
Road Machinery Account ....	1,099.10	

	\$ 3,254.59	
Grand Total Expended ...		\$ 45,426.03
Balance December 31, 1943		\$ 7,002.66

#### 1943 Receipts

Meter Rates .....	\$ 53,823.94
Service Pipe Maintenance .....	467.73
Service Pipe Construction .....	77.49
Rent .....	180.00
Fines .....	16.20
Hydrant Rental .....	500.00
Drinking Fountains .....	100.00
Sprinklers .....	42.00
Water Liens and Fines .....	80.30
Refunds .....	99.48
Misc. Receipts .....	172.80
	\$ 55,559.94
Total Cost of Water System from Beginning to January 1, 1943 .....	\$832,970.65
Meters .....	\$ 100.80
	\$ 100.80
Total Cost December 31, 1943 .....	\$833,071.45

#### Water Bonds and Interest

There were \$9,000.00 in bonds payable in 1943.

The interest on serial bonds for the year 1943 amounted to \$685.00.

There are \$9,000.00 in bonds and \$480.00 interest due in 1944 as follows:

Payable	Interest	Bonds
April 1, 1944 .....	\$ 22.50	
April 15, 1944 .....	195.00	\$ 2,000.00
June 1, 1944 .....	80.00	2,000.00
October 1, 1944 .....	22.50	2,000.00
October 15, 1944 .....	160.00	3,000.00
	\$ 480.00	\$ 9,000.00

### Rainfall At Pumping Station

Month	Normal Rain- Fall—inches	Rainfall in 1943—inches	Excess or Deficiency—1943
January	3.41	3.09	— .32
February	3.20	1.03	—2.17
March	3.78	3.57	— .21
April	3.89	2.60	—1.29
May	2.98	5.54	+2.56
June	3.53	2.09	—1.44
July	3.39	4.79	+1.40
August	3.23	1.35	—1.88
September	3.64	.67	—2.97
October	2.99	5.84	+2.85
November	3.23	4.45	+1.22
December	3.45	1.02	—2.43
Totals	40.72	36.04	—4.68

The average rainfall for Massachusetts as deduced by the State Department of Public Health from long continued observation in various parts of the Commonwealth is 44.54 inches.

As may be seen by a table in this report showing the amount of rainfall for the years 1900-1943 inclusive, the average annual rainfall at the Reading Hundred Acre Pumping Station No. 2 on Strout Avenue is 40.72 inches.

The rainfall in 1943 in Reading was a deficiency of 8.50 inches compared with the State observations and a deficiency of 4.68 inches compared with the Reading Pumping Station observations.

There was a deficiency of rainfall in the months of January, February, March, April, June, August, September and December of 12.71 inches, and an excess in the months of May, July, October and November of 8.03 inches, comparing each month with an average rainfall at Reading Pumping Station between the years 1900-1943 inclusive.

The greatest amount of rainfall in 1943 for any one month was in October, with a fall of 5.84 inches; in any one day, Saturday, March 6, 1943 with a fall of 1.81 inches. The years' total rainfall of 36.04 inches was a deficiency of 9.34 inches from the total rainfall of 1942, which was 45.38 inches.

The elevation of the Hundred Acre Meadow Pumping Station is approximately eighty feet above sea level.

**Table Showing Amount of Rain and Melted Snow**

Day of Month	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1						.09			.04	.88		
2			.13	T	.12				.01	.01	.38	
3	.24		.10		.59			.04	T		.10	T
4	.10	.01		.01		.07	.40	.02	.02			T
5							.52		.03		.27	
6		.30	1.81		.11	T						.32
7					.06	.46	.08	T				
8					.71						.41	
9										.03	.64	
10		T			.05	.25		.30				
11		.24	.01		.27						.01	
12			.07	.23	.32			.50			.01	
13		.35	.03	.65	.01	.38	.01	.10				
14	.08						T	.19	.08			T
15									T	1.45	.22	
16	.20		.45	.11				.05		.23	.16	
17	T		.50	.01		.33	.02		T	.01		
18	.46				.45	T				.10		
19	.34		.47	.55	1.19							
20						.16	.02				.02	
21				.03	1.22	.02	.03		.23		1.28	
22					.12		1.80		.04		.65	
23	.12									.06	.30	
24		.04						.09				
25	T						.18			.03		
26	.04	.09			.05	.26	.01			1.58		.67
27				.61	.06		.22	.06		1.44	T	.03
28	1.18					T	.08			.02		
29					.21	.07	1.03					
30	.30		T	.40			.18		.23			
31	.03						.21					
Monthly Totals	3.09	1.03	3.57	2.60	5.54	2.09	4.79	1.35	.67	5.84	4.45	1.02
Totals to Date	3.09	4.12	7.69	10.29	15.83	17.92	22.71	24.06	24.73	30.57	35.02	36.04

AMOUNT OF RAINFALL FOR YEARS 1900 TO 1943 INCLUSIVE

Year	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
1900.....	5.32	8.69	5.03	2.15	4.60	3.13	1.90	3.17	4.15	3.31	5.05	2.44	48.94
1901.....	1.33	1.08	5.88	9.59	7.21	1.74	4.65	2.66	3.51	2.76	3.06	8.10	51.65
1902.....	1.80	6.11	4.69	6.22	1.69	1.98	3.02	5.75	4.01	4.91	0.99	5.60	44.77
1903.....	3.84	3.16	6.38	4.95	0.48	8.91	3.40	3.42	2.29	3.60	1.33	2.39	44.44
1904.....	4.42	2.21	6.21	9.90	3.56	2.56	1.88	4.26	5.16	2.02	1.80	3.72	42.23
1905.....	5.44	1.47	2.92	2.59	1.39	6.11	1.19	3.30	7.87	5.20	2.22	3.25	39.44
1906.....	2.60	2.53	6.48	2.84	5.14	2.63	5.88	4.38	1.36	2.38	3.31	3.08	42.41
1907.....	3.97	2.10	2.40	3.21	2.80	3.80	3.58	1.33	7.90	3.36	6.83	3.60	44.97
1908.....	3.07	4.28	2.72	1.71	4.00	1.58	3.09	4.07	0.86	3.56	1.10	2.66	32.70
1909.....	4.17	5.33	3.57	3.95	1.97	1.54	3.59	2.75	3.74	1.23	4.06	3.60	40.10
1910.....	4.57	3.14	1.58	3.12	1.19	4.36	1.98	2.61	2.45	1.48	4.30	1.92	31.87
1911.....	2.25	2.94	3.12	1.89	0.97	3.43	4.79	3.80	2.94	4.14	3.57	3.64	36.45
1912.....	2.68	2.42	5.04	4.05	3.73	0.29	6.44	2.02	3.62	1.45	3.10	4.80	41.04
1913.....	2.48	2.64	4.51	3.76	3.45	0.93	1.68	3.48	3.06	2.78	2.13	3.24	39.52
1914.....	3.34	3.65	4.09	6.32	2.76	1.44	2.34	2.78	0.23	1.51	2.92	3.69	35.07
1915.....	5.52	3.54	0.00	2.72	1.68	4.60	8.76	6.66	0.70	2.80	2.93	5.47	45.38
1916.....	1.22	5.37	3.37	5.14	4.59	5.86	3.13	2.30	3.11	1.01	1.94	2.01	39.05
1917.....	2.92	2.41	4.18	2.90	4.00	4.78	1.19	3.70	1.46	5.75	1.39	2.65	37.33
1918.....	3.08	3.02	2.02	4.10	0.85	3.04	2.99	2.81	8.37	1.02	2.24	2.48	36.02
1919.....	3.24	3.61	4.01	2.46	5.44	0.88	3.22	3.83	5.65	2.63	6.20	1.53	42.70
1920.....	2.75	6.46	4.21	5.75	3.27	5.24	1.94	2.02	4.27	1.16	4.67	4.82	46.56
1921.....	2.09	3.43	2.43	5.48	1.86	4.02	9.79	1.96	1.74	1.57	6.50	2.28	43.15
1922.....	1.77	2.72	4.27	1.37	5.08	11.27	4.88	3.29	3.68	2.73	1.06	3.12	45.24
1923.....	6.95	1.67	2.60	5.17	1.56	2.79	1.98	3.17	0.82	3.63	4.13	4.33	39.30
1924.....	3.77	2.55	1.71	4.25	3.10	2.53	2.70	4.80	7.95	0.05	2.56	1.52	37.49
1925.....	4.28	2.14	7.66	2.95	2.05	5.62	3.13	2.37	2.16	4.66	3.94	5.53	46.49
1926.....	2.53	4.41	2.83	2.24	2.19	1.80	2.08	3.30	1.32	3.95	3.80	3.08	33.62
1927.....	2.32	3.18	1.30	1.43	2.19	2.27	3.04	5.28	2.68	4.10	4.18	4.77	36.74
1928.....	2.17	3.37	1.45	5.13	3.77	6.63	3.65	3.84	4.18	2.96	2.28	2.57	41.00
1929.....	3.14	3.76	3.49	6.81	2.50	1.21	1.19	4.53	2.41	2.49	2.87	3.63	39.03
1930.....	2.48	2.05	3.29	1.90	3.38	2.19	4.07	2.77	0.70	4.45	3.68	2.90	33.25
1931.....	3.27	2.72	4.94	3.07	3.53	6.47	3.76	4.11	1.97	2.43	1.96	3.72	41.25
1932.....	3.92	1.92	7.23	2.01	1.17	1.81	2.04	5.09	7.24	7.26	5.25	1.29	43.81
1933.....	3.27	3.45	7.92	6.51	2.70	1.27	1.47	4.41	9.97	3.50	0.96	3.47	47.21
1934.....	3.17	3.29	5.13	3.09	2.52	4.00	1.25	1.73	3.97	3.89	2.03	2.70	39.23
1935.....	6.13	3.23	1.06	4.72	1.44	6.21	2.67	1.98	4.03	0.58	4.36	0.90	47.31
1936.....	6.60	3.09	7.23	3.01	2.05	2.73	1.75	1.49	4.15	1.59	1.37	8.24	36.30
1937.....	4.50	1.80	5.21	4.61	3.13	3.45	0.97	3.91	3.04	4.48	5.18	4.89	43.17
1938.....	2.07	2.11	3.12	3.12	3.51	7.18	11.42	2.19	8.33	2.93	1.86	2.86	51.65
1939.....	2.08	3.48	4.00	4.47	2.02	2.77	0.73	3.13	2.45	4.66	0.77	2.92	33.48
1940.....	2.22	4.54	3.58	4.65	3.52	2.41	2.58	0.80	4.59	1.05	6.67	2.73	39.24
1941.....	3.16	1.88	2.51	1.87	2.24	2.09	3.66	3.05	0.58	2.13	2.38	4.08	29.63
1942.....	2.98	7.20	2.02	2.02	3.34	3.19	5.08	1.82	2.18	2.99	4.72	5.61	45.38
1943.....	3.09	1.03	3.57	2.60	5.54	2.09	4.79	1.35	0.67	5.84	4.45	1.02	36.04
Average.....	3.41	3.20	3.78	3.89	2.98	3.53	3.39	3.23	3.64	2.99	3.23	3.45	40.72

## **SUMMARY OF STATISTICS**

**For Year Ending December 31, 1943**

**Reading Water Department**

**Reading, Middlesex County, Massachusetts**

### **General Statistics**

Population by census of 1940: 10,861

Date of Construction: 1890, Mill Street; 1931, Grove Street.

By whom owned: Town of Reading.

Sources of Supply: Filter Gallery and Artesian Wells.

Mode of Supply: (whether gravity or pumping): Pumping.

### **Pumping Statistics**

Builders of Pumping Machinery: Sullivan Machine Co., George F. Blake Mfg. Co., Platt Iron Works, DeLaval Steam Turbine Co.

### **Electric Pumps at Grove Street Station**

Description of Pumps:

(A) Pumping Unit No. 1÷2-stage 5/4 DeLaval, 75 H.P. 1750 R.P.M.  
3 phase 60 cycle, 440 volts, 650 G.P.M.

(B) Pumping Unit No. 2÷2-stage 8/6 DeLaval, 125 H. P. 1750  
G.P.M. 3 phase 60 cycle, 440 volts, 1000 G.P.M.

K. W. H. used for year: 292400

Power Cost for year: \$5142.56.

Total Pumpage by Venturi Meter: 229,498,200 gallons.

Cost of Pumping per Million Gallons, power only: \$22.40.

Average number gallons pumped per K.W.H.: 784.88.

Cost of pumping figured on Total Pumping Station No. 2 expenses, per million gallons pumped: \$30.89

Cost of Filtration, per Million Gallons, figured on Filtration Plant Expenses: \$16.99.

Total Cost of Supplying Water per Million Gallons, figured on Total Maintenance, plus interest on bonds: \$142.41.

Total Cost of Supplying Water, per Million Gallons, figured on Total Maintenance, plus interest on Bonds, plus cost of safety precautions: \$160.06.

Average Static Head against which pumps work: 227

Average Dynamic Head against which pumps work: 258



### **Statistics Relating to Distribution Mains**

Kind of Pipe: Cast Iron, Galvanized Iron.  
Sizes  $1\frac{1}{4}$  inches to 12 inches.  
Extended: No main water pipe extensions installed in 1943.  
Total in use at present: 52.63 Miles (6" to 12").  
Cost of Maintenance per mile: \$40.19.  
Number of Hydrants added during year: None.  
Number of Hydrants in use (Public & Private): 329.  
Number of Stop Gates added during year: None.  
Number of Stop Gates now in use: 851.  
Number of Stop Gates smaller than 4": 152.  
Number of Blow Offs added during year: None.  
Number of Blow Offs now in use: 29.  
Range of Pressure on Water Mains: 45-90 lbs.

### **Statistics Relating to Suction Mains**

Kind of Pipe: Cast Iron.  
Sizes of Pipe: 16", 12", 10", 8".  
Total Number of Feet in use: 116 feet of 16", 1270 feet of 12", 882 feet of 10", 3146 feet of 8". Total 5414 Feet.  
Gates in use on Suction Mains: 1-16", 4-12", 1-10", 3-8", 102-2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " Gates.  
Wells in Use: Line A—7 Wells   Line B—17 Wells   Line C—11 Wells.  
                  Line D—12 Wells   Line E—15 Wells   Line F—20 Wells.  
                  Line G—8 Wells   Line H—13 Wells   Total 102 Wells.

### **Statistics Relating to Services**

Services: Kinds of Pipe: Cast Iron, Galvanized Iron, Lead Lined, Cement Lined, and Copper Tubing.  
Sizes:  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch to 6 inch.  
Extended: 240.70 feet.  
Total in Use: 43.75 miles.  
Number of active service taps added during year: 3.  
Number of service taps in use: 2740.  
Average length of services installed in 1943: 80.23 feet.  
Average cost of water services to owner in 1943: \$81.21.  
Number of water meters tested: 319.  
Number of water meters repaired: 218.  
Number of water meters added: 17.  
Number of water meters junked: 3.  
Number of water meters now in use: 3291.

**IRON REMOVAL PLANT**  
**Chemical and Microscopic Character of Raw Water—1943**  
**(Unfiltered—Direct from Tubular Wells) (Parts per Million)**  
**Parts per Million, except as noted**

Month	No. of Test Days	Iron	Oxygen Consumed	Carbon Dioxide		Dissolved Oxygen		Manganese	P.H. Value
				Ave.	Max.	P.P.M.	% Sat.		
January	2	1.90 {2.60	.....	39.0 {43.0	.....	.....	.....	0.36 {0.38	6.0 {6.1
March	1	2.50	.....	48.5	.....	1.35	11.3	0.32	6.2
April	1	2.00	.....	46.0	.....	.....	.....	0.30	6.0
May	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
June	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
July	1	2.80	.....	46.0	.....	0.95	8.4	0.32	6.1
August	1	2.60	.....	43.0	.....	.....	.....	0.32	6.0
September	1	2.40	.....	47.0	.....	0.60	5.6	0.34	6.2
October	1	2.40	.....	45.0	.....	.....	.....	0.36	6.1
November	1	2.40	.....	42.0	.....	.....	.....	0.36	6.0
December	2	2.40 {2.40	.....	47.5 {47.5	.....	1.10	9.1	0.36 {0.41	6.0 {6.2
Total	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Average	..	2.40	.....	44.8	48.5	1.00	8.6	0.35	6.1

**Chemical and Microscopic Character of Water Delivered to Mains—1943**  
**(Filtered Water as Delivered from Iron Removal Plant) (Parts per Million)**  
**Parts per Million, except as noted**

Month	No. of Test Days	Iron	Oxygen Consumed	Carbon Dioxide		Dissolved Oxygen		Manganese	P.H. Value
				Ave.	Max.	P.P.M.	% Sat.		
January	2	0.48 {0.60	.....	5.0 {4.0	.....	.....	.....	.006 {.005	7.2 {7.1
March	1	0.40	.....	5.0	.....	10.1	89.7	.006	7.2
April	1	0.47	.....	5.0	.....	.....	.....	.007	7.1
May	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
June	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
July	1	0.37	.....	5.5	.....	10.9	98.4	.004	7.0
August	1	0.40	.....	5.0	.....	11.9	105.8	.004	7.1
September	1	0.40	.....	5.0	.....	.....	.....	.006	7.2
October	1	0.40	.....	5.0	.....	.....	.....	.006	7.1
November	1	0.65	.....	5.5	.....	.....	.....	.010	7.0
December	2	0.80 {0.80	.....	5.3 {5.3	.....	10.8	90.6	.020	7.1
Total	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Average	..	0.50	.....	4.8	8.0	10.9	96.1	.007	7.1

**YEARLY RECORD OF HUNDRED ACRE PUMPING STATION**  
**January 1, 1943 to December 31, 1943**

Month	No. Days	No. Hrs.	No. Min.	Gallons Pumped Venturi Meter	Total Head	Power K.W.H.	Gallons Per K.W.H.	Rain- fall	Fuel Oil	Daily Average Gallons Pumped
January.....	31	322	..	17,161,200	227	21,500	798.19	3.09	181	553,587
February.....	28	296	15	15,738,400	227	19,900	790.87	1.03	426	562,086
March.....	31	330	45	17,580,900	227	22,300	788.38	3.57	185	567,126
April.....	30	327	30	17,407,600	227	21,900	794.86	2.60	124	580,253
May.....	31	344	30	18,384,900	227	23,300	789.05	5.54	...	593,061
June.....	30	407	45	21,648,000	227	27,200	795.88	2.09	...	721,600
July.....	31	491	45	26,097,100	227	33,400	781.35	4.79	...	841,842
August.....	31	406	30	21,529,000	227	27,500	782.87	1.35	100	694,484
September.....	30	376	45	19,950,600	227	25,900	770.29	.67	...	665,020
October.....	31	357	30	18,542,600	227	24,300	763.07	5.84	...	598,148
November.....	30	314	45	16,794,100	227	21,500	781.12	4.45	...	559,863
December.....	31	353	..	18,663,800	227	23,700	787.50	1.02	390	602,058
Totals.....	365	4,329	..	229,498,200	227	292,400	784.88	36.04	1,406	628,762

# KIND AND SIZES OF METERS IN USE JANUARY 1, 1944

Make	5/8"	3/4"	1"	1 1/4"	1 1/2"	2"	3"	4"	8"	Totals
Nash.....	1,566	14	14	1	5	3	..	..	..	1,603
Hersey.....	534	11	24	6	9	7	1	1	1	594
Empire.....	257	1	2	..	1	..	2	..	..	263
Gamon.....	182	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	184
Pittsburg.....	152	13	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	167
Trident.....	239	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	241
Crown.....	68	2	2	..	3	8	..	..	..	83
Lambert.....	49	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	51
Union.....	45	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	47
Worthington.....	35	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	36
Keystone.....	1	..	..	8	..	..	..	..	..	9
Federal.....	8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8
Thompson.....	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Columbia.....	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Gem.....	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
Totals.....	3,139	43	48	17	19	20	3	1	1	3,291

## COMPARATIVE TOTAL PUMPAGE DURING PAST TEN YEARS 1934 to 1943 Inclusive

Year	Annual Pumpage (Gallons)	Increase or Decrease (Gallons)	Average Daily Pumpage (Gallons)	Increase or Decrease (Gallons)	Cost per Million Gallons Pumped Figured on Total Maint. and Int. on Bonds	Estimated Population
1934	221,260,400	49,413,100 Inc.	606,192	135,803 Inc.	115.05	9,767
1935	248,075,400	26,815,000 Inc.	679,658	73,466 Inc.	90.61	10,703
1936	249,110,100	1,034,700 Inc.	680,629	971 Inc.	100.70	10,703
1937	212,484,400	36,625,700 Dec.	582,149	98,480 Dec.	129.81	10,703
1938	213,853,400	1,369,000 Inc.	585,900	3,751 Inc.	122.24	10,703
1939	245,937,000	32,083,600 Inc.	673,800	87,900 Inc.	106.93	10,703
1940	245,786,000	151,000 Dec.	671,546	2,254 Dec.	99.06	10,861
1941	245,332,500	453,500 Dec.	672,143	597 Inc.	115.87	10,861
1942	224,146,800	21,185,700 Dec.	613,965	58,178 Dec.	134.07	10,861
1943	229,498,200	15,351,400 Inc.	628,762	14,797 Inc.	142.41	10,861

## **MAIN PIPE CONSTRUCTION**

No main water pipe extensions were made to the water distribution system during 1943, due to Federal government restrictions on new home construction to conserve vital materials. As Reading contains few important war industries, the housing developments necessary in neighboring communities were not needed in Reading.

As of January 1, 1944, the Reading water distribution system comprises 52.63 miles of water mains in sizes 6" to 12", besides other mains of small sizes.

### **Main Pipe Maintenance**

One distribution main break occurred during the year, on Hampshire Road, and was due to a blown joint in a six-inch water main. Some minor repairs were also made to the six-inch main crossing Death Bridge on Lowell Street. This main is enclosed in an insulated metal sheathing, which was re-packed and painted after repairs had been effected.

On Track (Private) Road West, in the Reading-Wakefield Fair Ground area, two lengths of six-inch water main were laid under the newly excavated Quannapowitt Drain ditch to insure an adequate water supply for future possible development in this area, and also to replace a 1¼" main laid in Track (Private) Road. The existing Track Road 1¼" water main was also lowered on either side of the drain ditch to match the grade of Quannapowitt Drain ditch.

On Franklin Street, opposite Dividence Road, the 8" water main was located, and a six-inch tap made into it for a future water main extension on Dividence Road.

Gate valve boxes in various locations have been adjusted to grade and inspected for operational efficiency. During the early months of the year, the yellow identification rings were repainted around each gate box top.

### **Service Pipe Construction and Maintenance**

Three new water service connections were made in 1943, further emphasizing the curtailment of building construction due to war-time construction material restrictions. Two of these services were installed to newly erected dwellings, the third was made to an existing dwelling. These water services totaled 240.70 feet in length, with an average length per individual service of 80.23 feet, at an average cost of service to owners of \$81.21. As of January 1, 1944, there are 43.75 miles of service pipe in use in the water distribution system, totaling 2740 individual service taps, in sizes ranging from 3/4" to 6".

Leaks were discovered and repaired in nine water services, in the street sections. Causes of leaks ranged from pipe failures to lead goose-neck defects. Six services were relaid in whole or in part, to correct low pressure and replace old and worn service pipe. A total of thirty-

five water services were rodded and flushed to remove sediment from service pipes and improve water pressure in residences.

Nine new curb stops were cut in services to replace defective stops, and three new curb boxes were set. A total of fifty-four water service pipes were repaired at cellar walls, and sixty-one new cellar shut offs, or "Y" valves, were installed, to replace old and defective shut-offs.

#### **Meter Maintenance**

A total of 319 active water meters, in sizes ranging from 5/8" to 3", were tested by the meter repair department in 1943. Of this number 218 were dismantled, cleaned and repaired. Three obsolete water meters were junked and replaced with new meters, and new meters were installed on several newly occupied houses and for individual apartments. There are as of January 1, 1944, a total of 101 meters in the meter room from services temporarily shut off from unoccupied buildings.

Extremely cold weather during the early months of 1943, coupled with houses inadequately heated through reduction of fuel, resulted in 76 water meters becoming frozen. Some of these meters were badly damaged by householders in attempting to thaw them out. Frost bottoms or breakable bushings on many of the water meters saved them from being irreparably damaged, and all frozen meters were repaired and reset.

The annual inspection of meter boxes was made prior to cold weather and the usual protective frost insulation material installed where necessary. Three meter boxes were eliminated by moving the meters into cellars of houses.

At Camp Curtis Guild on Haverhill Street, at the junction of Rivers Road, a reinforced concrete combination meter and chlorination vault was installed by the Army Engineers and a 6" compound water meter was set, which now measures all water used in the Camp area. A chlorinating device was also installed in the vault.

As of January 1, 1944 there are in use in the water distribution system 3291 water meters, in sizes ranging from 5/8" to 8".

#### **Fire Hydrants**

No new fire hydrants were installed by the Water Department during 1943. At Camp Curtis Guild on Rivers Road near the Administration Building the Army Engineers installed a fire hydrant at the end of a new 6" water main in the Camp area.

All fire hydrants were inspected and found to be in good operating condition, with the exception of one private hydrant, which was repaired. All hydrants used by the Fire Department in 1943 were found to be in good working order.

Seven fire hydrants were broken during the year by being accidentally hit by automobiles and trucks. Three of the hydrants broken were repaired without excavating, the others were excavated and repaired.



On November 19 and 26, engineers employed by the New England Fire Insurance Rating Association, Municipal Protection Department, assisted by departmental employees and Fire Chief Hugh L. Eames, made a series of fire flow tests in fifty-five locations covering the entire water distribution system. Readings were taken and tabulated showing static pressure with hydrants closed, residual pressure on mains with hydrants flowing, and discharge volume obtained. The engineers' report is being compiled at the date of writing this report, and it is expected will soon be received by the Department. Tests made showed that on the whole an adequate supply of water for fire protection purposes is obtained throughout the distribution system, with improvements to the same being possible by means of several new water main installations in the future, of a suitable size, to strengthen comparative weak spots found by these tests in the distribution system.

### **Driven Well System**

No new suction mains or driven wells were added to the water collection system in 1943, and although the total pumpage exceeded that of 1942 and the year's rainfall showed a 4.68 inch deficit, the underground water level as shown by daily readings of the test well remained at a satisfactorily high point.

During July and August, when the meadows in the well-field area were at their driest, meadow grass was mowed from all well lines, and all wells were spudded, washed with water from the town supply mains, and then pumped clear. Several air leaks were found by testing wells individually, and were excavated and repaired. One well-connection was replaced during the year.

On Suction Line F, a section of suction main was found to have sagged considerably, due to the unstable peat subsoil in which it rested. The suction main was excavated, and it was found that a settling of 1.5 feet had occurred in the center of the sagged area. To remedy this condition, timber piling was driven to an average depth of 18 feet at intervals along either side of the suction main, and strong timber cross-pieces attached thereto, on which the suction main was supported after having been raised to grade.

As of January 1, 1944 there are 104 driven wells in the collection system, of which 102 are in active use. One well on Line "B" and one on Line "F" are out of service, both being sand bound. These two wells will eventually be removed and re-driven in different locations.

### **Filtration Plant**

The filtration plant has operated efficiently and economically during the year. A total of 229,498,200 gallons of raw water direct from the driven wells, averaging 628,762 gallons per day, was aerated and filtered during the year. Tables included in this report show the results obtained by aeration and filtration.

Upon examination, it was found that the coke in the trickler or contact aerators was partially clogged with iron hydrate. This coke had been in constant use since July 21, 1936, and had performed its function of gathering the fine, dispersed particles of iron hydrate from the spray nozzles into aggregates or bunches large enough to be retained by the sand in the sand filters, efficiently for over seven years, which is slightly over the average service time for installations of this nature. Attempts to wash the coke proved unsuccessful, as the saturation of iron hydrate on the coke was found to extend through all the four foot depth of the coke bed.

After experimenting with removing the coke by hand, a gasoline powered crane with a sixty foot boom equipped with a 1/2 cubic yard clam-shell bucket was rented, and the used coke removed. One aerator at a time was cleared, the other aerator being worked longer hours to keep the water in the sand filters at a safe level. New coke was put in the aerators with the crane quite rapidly. Removal of the coke from the coke beds required careful operation, as the coke rests on reinforced concrete slats and is studded with banks of aerator pipe risers. The clam-shell bucket had to be hand-guided between these pipes, and the bottom 6" of coke removed from the concrete slats by hand. Approximately 90 tons of new coke were purchased to refill the coke beds.

After each coke bed was renewed, the new coke was thoroughly sprayed with a disinfecting solution of HTH, the aerator pipes and spray caps cleaned and reamed, and the subsiding basins under the coke filters thoroughly brushed, washed and disinfected. Each coke filter was washed for four hours and the water run off through a waste drain pipe before turning the renewed coke filters back into service. Aerator No. 1 was placed back in service on November 5, and Aerator No. 2, on December 11, 1943.

Sand Filter No. 1 was raked once and scraped three times, and Sand Filter No. 2 was raked four times and scraped three times during the year, to break up and to remove iron deposit films on sand filter surfaces. The ejector box was used six times during the year to wash filter sand. The vertical feed pipes to the aerator nozzles were brushed and washed during the year, and the spray holes in the pipe caps reamed out.

During the early winter months, the interior walls of the Filtration Plant were scraped clean of old paint, which had been blistered and raised by the dampness of the aerators and subsiding basins, and the walls and floor waterproofed and repainted. Piping and control machinery was also cleaned and painted. Exterior walls of the Filtration Plant, which had spalled to some extent, were repaired with a waterproof cement mixture.

#### **Stand Pipes**

No major repair or maintenance work was necessary on either standpipe during the year.

## **PUMPING STATION**

### **Hundred Acre Pumping Station**

This pumping station was operated during the year, averaging 11.86 hours of operation per day, and delivered 229,498,200 gallons of raw well water to the Iron Removal or filtration plant and filtered water to the distribution mains, averaging 628,762 gallons per day, at a cost of pumping figured on total pumping station expenses of \$30.89 per million gallons pumped. The greatest amount pumped in any one day was on Wednesday July 21, 1943 with a total pumpage of 1,296,500 gallons; in any one week, from July 15 to 21, 1943 inclusive, with a total pumpage of 7,559,200 gallons. The 75 H.P. high lift pump was in daily operation for a total of 4,323.75 hours during the year, and the 125 H.P. high lift pump in operation during monthly test runs only of 5.25 hours.

No major repairs were necessary on the pumping equipment during the year, and motors, pumps and other equipment maintained a high degree of efficiency. Low Lift Pump No. 1 was cleaned and repacked, and the suction settling tank cleaned and flushed. During the winter months, the interior of the pumping station was cleaned and painted, including all piping and machinery by departmental employees. One interruption of electric power supply occurred during the year, when a sudden wind storm uprooted a tree and caused a power line break. The power was off for one hour only.

The Reading Auxiliary Police Corps, who had voluntarily carried on guard duty at the Pumping Station since December 11, 1941, ceased their participation in the guard duty at 12:00 midnight Sunday June 20. Paid departmental employees, then took over the guard duty on a twenty-four hour basis, until certain other safety precautions were instituted. Strout Avenue and the road to the Town Forest, which passes through the Pumping Station premises, remain closed to the public, as a necessary war-time measure for protection of the pumping station and water supply area.

### **Mill Street Pumping Station**

This pumping station was not actively operated during the year, but was held in readiness to be put in operation at short notice as an emergency or auxiliary source of water supply. One boiler was kept fired during the winter months and the steam-driven pumps were operated for testing purposes, but pumped no water into the distribution mains. The boilers and pumping equipment were inspected and approved by the State Department of Public Safety and by the insurance company.

Maintenance work was accomplished on the grounds and buildings, and much equipment was stored in the lime shed to relieve congestion at the Municipal Garage.

## HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Gentlemen :

The following is the yearly report of the Highway Department:  
Appropriations voted in March Town Meeting:

1. Highway Maintenance and Construction .....	\$ 40,000.00
2. Removal of Snow and Ice .....	12,000.00
3. Maintenance of Storm Drains .....	4,000.00
4. Sidewalk Construction .....	3,300.00
5. Development of Storm Water Drains .....	4,200.00
6. Care of Dumps .....	1,400.00
7. Construction of West Hill Circle Balance Forward from 1942 .....	834.06
8. Construction of Wescroft Road Balance Forward from 1942 .....	1,850.90
9. Construction of Springvale Road Balance Forward from 1942 .....	162.24
10. Construction of Harvard Street Balance Forward from 1942 .....	341.20
11. Construction of Lewis Street Balance Forward from 1942 .....	189.77
12. Development Committee Balance Forward from 1942 .....	500.00
13. Received from State and County for Chapter 90 Maint.	1,500.00
14. Road Machinery Fund Balance Forward from 1942 .....	216.73
15. Transfer from Road Machinery Account to Road Machinery Fund .....	9,850.00
16. Credited to Road Machinery Fund from Gasoline and Miscellaneous Refunds .....	256.05
17. Credited to Highway Department from Victory Garden Acct. ....	224.12
Appropriation Voted at Special Town Meeting June 1, 1943:	

18. Victory Garden Account .....	600.00
Appropriation Voted at Special Town Meeting Decem- ber 13, 1943:	

19. Snow and Ice Account .....	\$ 1,500.00
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Grand Total .....	\$ 82,925.07
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Expenditures and Balances of the above Appropriations:

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1. Highway Department Appropriation for Maintenance and Construction .....	\$ 40,000.00
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17. Credit from Victory Garden Account .....	224.12
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Total .....	\$ 40,224.12
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Expended:

Pay Roll .....	\$ 24,226.67
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Road Material .....	4,838.43
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Chapter 90 Maint. ....	750.00
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Curbing .....	199.50
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Supplies and Tools .....	1,522.98
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Road Machinery Account .....	8,014.32
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Miscellaneous .....	670.01
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Total Expended .....	\$ 40,221.91
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Balance Unexpended .....	\$ 2.21
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2. Removal of Snow and Ice .....	\$ 12,000.00
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19. Removal of Snow and Ice .....	1,500.00
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\$ 13,500.00
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Expended:

Pay Roll .....	\$ 3,777.06
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Plowing and Hauling .....	748.88
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Repairs and Supplies .....	1,337.76
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Road Machinery Account .....	1,290.08
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Total Expended .....	\$ 12,153.78
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Balance Unexpended .....	\$ 1,346.22
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3. Maintenance of Storm Drains .....	\$ 4,000.00
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Expended:	
Pay Roll .....	\$ 3,747.25
Supplies and Misc. ....	252.75
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Total Expended .....	\$ 4,000.00
4. Sidewalk Maintenance and Construction .....	\$ 3,300.00
Expended:	
Pay Roll .....	\$ 2,372.80
Supplies and Misc. ....	459.97
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Total Expended .....	\$ 2,832.77
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Balance Unexpended .....	\$ 467.23
5. Development of Storm Water Drains .....	\$ 4,200.00
Expended:	
Pay Roll .....	\$ 2,403.78
Pipe and Supplies .....	1,796.22
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Total Expended .....	\$ 4,200.00
6. Care of Dumps .....	\$ 1,400.00
Expended:	
Pay Roll .....	\$ 1,400.00
7. Construction of West Hill Circle	
Balance Forward from 1942 .....	\$ 834.06
No Expenditures in 1943	
8. Construction of Wescroft Road	
Balance Forward from 1942 .....	\$ 1,850.90
No Expenditures in 1943	
9. Construction of Springvale Road	
Balance Forward from 1942 .....	\$ 162.24
No Expenditures in 1943	
10. Construction of Harvard Street	
Balance Forward from 1942 .....	\$ 341.20
No Expenditures in 1943	
11. Construction of Lewis Street	
Balance Forward from 1942 .....	\$ 189.77
No Expenditures in 1943	
12. Development Committee	
Balance Forward from 1942 .....	\$ 500.00



No Expenditures in 1943

13. Chapter 90 Maintenance

Received from State and County .....	\$ 1,500.00
Received from Highway Department .....	750.00
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	\$ 2,250.00

Expended:

Pay Roll .....	\$ 369.54
Road Material .....	1,437.41
Road Machinery Account .....	443.05

Total Expended .....	<hr/>	\$ 2,250.00
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14. Road Machinery Fund

Balance Forward from 1942 .....	\$ 216.73
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15. Transfer from Road Machinery Account .....	\$ 9,850.00
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16. Gasoline and Misc. Refunds .....	256.05
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Expended:

Water Department .....	\$ 623.17
Sewer Department .....	323.91
Park Department .....	172.23
Highway Department .....	5,173.20
Snow and Ice .....	1,429.70
Chapter 90 Maint. ....	11.87
Quannapowitt Drain .....	1,259.74
Victory Gardens .....	392.64

Total Expended .....	<hr/>	\$ 9,386.46
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Balance Unexpended .....	\$ 936.32
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18. Victory Garden Account .....	\$ 600.00
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Expended:

Pay Roll .....	\$ 151.76
Material .....	448.24

Total Expended .....	<hr/>	\$ 600.00
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Totals			
Items	Appro. and Transfers	Expended	Balance
1-17 .....	\$ 40,224.12	\$ 40,221.91	\$ 2.21
2-19 .....	13,500.00	12,153.78	1,346.22
3 .....	4,000.00	4,000.00	.00
4 .....	3,300.00	2,832.77	467.23
5 .....	4,200.00	4,200.00	.00
6 .....	1,400.00	1,400.00	.00
7 .....	834.06	.00	834.06
8 .....	1,850.90	.00	1,850.90
9 .....	162.24	.00	162.24
10 .....	341.20	.00	341.20
11 .....	189.77	.00	189.77
12 .....	500.00	.00	500.00
13 .....	2,250.00	2,250.00	.00
14-15-16 .....	10,322.78	9,386.46	936.32
18 .....	600.00	600.00	.00

The activities of the Highway Department in 1943 of a maintenance nature were seriously curtailed, due mainly to a lack of appropriations. Appropriations for 1943 were considerably less than those for 1942. Surface treatment of road oils was made on a planned schedule in an effort designed to most efficiently preserve the highways with the limited use of materials. Honing and mixed-in-place types of treatment were reduced to a minimum except where absolutely necessary, surface spraying and sand covering methods accounting for 94% of the work done.

Granolithic sidewalk construction and granite curbing installation were limited to one installation of each type, although sidewalk maintenance work was carried on extensively.

War emergency work, such as plowing and harrowing of Victory vegetable gardens on application of private citizens, and salvage collecting, was actively engaged in by Departmental personnel and equipment.

The shortage of experienced manpower continues, with many of our employees serving with the armed forces or working in war industry. Labor of an inexperienced nature was available to some extent during 1943 and more will probably be available in 1944.

A resume' of the work accomplished by the Highway Department is outlined in the following more detailed report:

#### Snow and Ice

Ten snow storms of one inch or more in depth were recorded in 1943—five of these storms required plowing, the others were sanded only. Several lighter snowfalls occurred, did not require plowing, and are not included in the following table showing recorded snowfall during 1943:

Date	Snowfall (inches)	Temp.	Wind Direction	Force	Remarks
Jan. 3	4½	+19°	N.N.W.	Moderate	Light and fluffy - Plowed & sanded
Jan. 4	1½	+20°	N.W.	Slight	Sanded only
Jan. 14	1¾	+18°	N.W.	Moderate	Sanded only
Jan. 16	3½	+30°	E.S.E.	Moderate	Light - then heavy Plowed & sanded
Jan. 28-29	14	+24°	N.N.E.	Light to Moderate	Plowed-heavy snow
Jan. 30-31	7	+22°	N.E.	Light	Light & fine - Plowed
Feb. 26	2	+26°	N.W.	Light	Sanded only
March 3	4	+ 2°	N.N.W.	Light	Light & fine - Not plowed - Sanded only
March 6	5	+24°	N.E.	Light to Half Gale	Heavy snow, turn- ing to heavy rain - Plowed
Dec. 26-27	1	+25°	N.W.	Light	Snow & sleet - Not plowed - Sanded only
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Total	45¼ inches				

The first snowfall of the year occurred on Sunday, January 3, totaling 4½ inches. Truck plows started at from 5:00 P. M. on and quickly covered their assigned routes. The snow was light and easily handled, and no difficulty was experienced in plowing. Snow was removed from the Square and Haven Street with a small crew of extra men and department trucks.

Sidewalks were not plowed during this storm, and few complaints were received from citizens in relation thereto.

Sanding was necessary both during and after the storm, due to cold freezing weather.

Other snow storms occurred on January 4 and 14, of 1½ and 1¾ inches respectively, which did not require plowing but did necessitate continued daily sanding. Extremely slippery roadways were experienced this month.

On Saturday, January 16, snow started falling at 8:00 A. M. and accumulated rapidly until near noon time, totaling 3½ inches, at which time it showed signs of slacking. Truck plows were sent out over their routes at noon, and finished in short time. Sanding was necessary dur-

ing and after the storm, as a misty rain set in late in the afternoon, causing extremely slippery conditions.

One sidewalk tractor plow was used during this storm to open sidewalks the entire length of North and South Main Street, and the Commons. Snow from previous storms had drifted deeply in some locations, and pedestrian traffic forced to walk in the street.

The next snow storm requiring plowing occurred on January 28-29. Snow started falling near noon of Thursday, January 28, Temperature +24°, Wind NNE, light to moderate, Barometric pressure 30.2 inches and steady. During the early afternoon of this day, snow accumulated slowly, and on several occasions precipitation slackened off noticeably. By late afternoon, however, precipitation had increased, and at 6:00 P. M. approximately 4" of snow had fallen and the wind, swinging more Easterly, had increased.

Truck plows were started over their assigned routes starting at 6:00 P. M. and continued throughout the night, all day Friday, and until about eight o'clock Friday night. These men thus completed thirty-six or more hours of continuous snow-plowing labor, made necessary by the fact that no relief drivers were available as in former years. The men made no complaint at the long hours of work, and their loyalty is commendable. All roads were at all times kept open for traffic, although truck routes had to be revised to cover the routes of one department heavy truck plow unit which sustained a major mechanical breakdown and was out of service during the entire storm and one hired truck plow which did not complete its route. Fourteen inches of snowfall was recorded in this storm, which ended in the early morning of January 29.

Sidewalk tractor plow units were started out at 6:00 P. M., January 28, and continued throughout the night and all the next day, opening sidewalks on main traveled roadways on prescribed routes. Two horse-drawn sidewalk plows only were available during the storm, and were assigned to sidewalks on streets of secondary importance. Sidewalk snow plowing was greatly curtailed during the year due to lack of horse-plow units. Owing perhaps to a letter published in the Reading Chronicle citing the reasons for curtailment of sidewalk snow plowing, few complaints were received from citizens regarding unplowed sidewalks.

Snow removal work started in the Square at 7:00 A. M., Friday, January 29, with a crew of about 60 shovelers, (most of whom were youths of High School age), seven hired trucks, and three W. P. A. trucks. This work continued until 10:00 P. M. Friday, starting in again Saturday morning and until 10:30 P. M. Saturday. At this hour, snow had been removed from the Square, Haven St., and all churches. On the whole, the youthful snow shovelers performed fairly well, especially after several boys who would not apply themselves properly to the work were weeded out from the shovel crews.

Plans had been made for a continuance of snow removal on Sunday, January 31, but a second snow storm, which started near midnight, Saturday, continued during the night, and early Sunday morning another six inches of snow had accumulated, and snow removal work was temporarily suspended.

Truck plows were started over their routes again at 7:00 A. M., Sunday, January 31, plowing continually until 6:00 P. M. Sunday. Routes were again revised, to plow routes of the disabled department heavy truck unit and one hired truck plow, which did not plow at all during this second storm. No difficulty was encountered in highway plowing during this storm, as highways were fully widened on Saturday, January 30, in anticipation of possible further snowfall. Although some citizens were exasperated by this highway widening, due to the filling in of driveway and walk openings, this operation is highly necessary for the proper handling of following snow storms.

This second snow storm ended by mid-morning Sunday, and snow removal work started anew at 1:00 P. M. Sunday, with six hired trucks and three W. P. A. trucks. Snow removal work continued daily on February 1, 2, 3 and 4, being completed in the afternoon of February 4. Hired trucks were not used after January 31, as plows were unrigged from Highway truck plow units and these units utilized for removal work.

The Adams motor grader was used to good advantage on several occasions, breaking up traffic-packed snow on Main Street and the Square with scarifier teeth and winrowing it with the grader blade for easier hand shoveling.

During the storms, the department was greatly assisted by several former employees now working in war industries who volunteered for duty during off-shifts, and by three citizens who volunteered their services as truck drivers, mechanic and time keeper, respectively. The department appreciates their cooperation.

Tractor sidewalk plows were operated daily through Thursday, February 4, with crews of four shovelers assigned to each tractor to open driveway and walk entrances. This driveway and walk shoveling operation slows down the speed of tractor sidewalk plowing substantially, but is demanded by citizens who bitterly complain if driveway and walk entrances are left filled in.

Light rains and mild weather set in on Thursday, February 4, and caused surface water floods in many locations. Crews of men were assigned to remove snow from catch basins and open drain ports in snow banks to permit surface water runoff.

Sanding was necessary all through the storm, and on Saturday, February 6 a sleety rain mixed with granular snow coated street surfaces with a particularly slippery covering. Mild weather over the weekend of February 6 and 7 cleared the streets and settled the snow.

Private ways were opened by first running dual-wheeled trucks through them, then by hand shoveling, particularly rough private ways or by sending light truck plow units through them.

The next two snow storms—2 inches on February 26 and 4 inches on March 3, were not plowed, although plowing would have been necessary on the March 3rd storm, had the precipitation not been slow. This storm started early in the morning of March 3, and was light and fine, accumulating very slowly. Snow continued falling through the day, and was packed on the streets by vehicular traffic. Sanding was necessary throughout the day with unseasonable zero temperatures causing slippery conditions.

The next snow storm occurred on March 6. Snow started falling at 7:30 A. M. Saturday, March 6, Temperature  $+24^{\circ}$ , Barometric Pressure 29.9 inches and steady, Wind N.E. light to moderate. No accumulation occurred until 3:00 P. M., although sanding was necessary before noontime due to slippery conditions brought on by traffic-packed snow.

Truck plows were started out from 3:00 P. M. on, and covered their regularly assigned routes, also the routes of two hired truck plows which were not available for plowing. Sidewalk tractor plows were sent over the main streets on their routes starting at 6:00 P. M.

By 9:30 P. M., approximately 6" of snow had fallen, and the snow was turning to rain. By 10:00 P. M. a heavy rainfall had set in, accompanied by a wind of half-gale force. The roads, on which snow had been partially traffic-packed before plowing started, were quickly "fluffed up" by the heavy rain, causing the worst road conditions of the winter season. Plows covered their routes a second time, clearing the slush from the roadways.

As soon as truck plows completed their routes, the plows were unrigged, crews of men assigned to each truck and given a sector of town to patrol opening catch-basins, culverts, and otherwise relieving surface water floods. The surface floods were of great extent and major proportion in many places, and the crews were kept at work until nearly daylight Sunday, March 7.

On Sunday, March 7, a cold wave started, which lasted until Wednesday, March 10, with temperatures near zero on Monday, March 8. Fortunately the melted snow and slush had been removed from the streets, and road conditions were good. Some sanding was necessary through the week, until rising temperatures on Thursday, March 11, melted the remainder of the snow from the roadways.

No major breakdowns of equipment occurred during this storm. Horse-drawn sidewalk plows were not called out during the storm, and only sidewalks on main streets were plowed by the sidewalk tractor plows.



The last snow storm of the year occurred on Sunday and Monday, December 26-27, when a light snowfall turned to freezing rain and sleet, causing roadways and sidewalks to become completely coated with extremely slippery clear ice. Sand trucks operated continuously through the early morning and afternoon, sanding streets and sidewalks. Rising temperatures later in the day of December 27 cleared the streets of ice.

The man-power shortage is felt more acutely during snow storms than in any other phase of highway work, as large numbers of workers are required to not only operate snow-fighting equipment but to act as helpers on trucks, tractors, etc., and to hand-shovel snow. The Department was fortunate during the year in obtaining the assistance of several private citizens and former employees who volunteered their services during the larger snowfalls, and who were used to good purpose, according to their individual qualifications, as truck and tractor drivers, mechanics, timekeepers, and as snow shovelers.

Two mechanical truck sanding rigs were constructed at the Municipal Garage machine shop by departmental employees, at but slight cost for materials. Using old automobile rearend assemblies, odds and ends of salvage steel rods, gears and steel plates, one unit was constructed for large trucks and one for small trucks. The sand unit is attached by removable pins to the tail gate of a truck, and, by elevating the truck body, the wheels of the sand rig come in contact with the street surface, causing a shaft to turn an agitator on a finned sand table. The rigs have been in actual use and work efficiently, and are also quite economical in their use of sand. Due to frequent rain and snowfall and low temperatures, sanding was necessary throughout the winter seasons.

Regular routine preparations were made for snow and ice disposal work prior to the winter season, such as erection of snow fences, distribution of sand barrels, storing of sand in stock piles, etc.

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## GENERAL HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE

Roadway maintenance during the year was greatly curtailed due to seriously reduced appropriations. The approval of the State Department of Public Works was secured to surface treat a list of roadways in need of repair, and an allotment of road oils procured. The amount of approved usage of road oils greatly exceeded the amount which the Department was able to purchase. The majority of the streets were surface treated only on sections most in need of repair. Two street sections were honed, and on Haven and Lowell Streets mixed-in-place surfacing was accomplished with stone cover. The mixed-in-place surfacing was accomplished after the salvage and removal of street car

rails in both streets. A total of 39,415 gallons of road oil was used in surface treatment of roadways. This approximately is one half the amount ordinarily used and the streets are beginning to deteriorate because of the lack of surface treatment.

Street car rails on Lowell, Haven, Lincoln, Minot, Washington Streets and Summer Avenue were removed by a contractor employed by War Metals, Inc., and the resulting trenches patched by the contractor with Type I black-top mix.

Roadway patching was carried on continuously in an effort to prevent further damage to the highways. During the winter months, gravel was used liberally as a temporary patching measure, and when weather conditions permitted K. P. and ready-mixed patches were installed. A total of 2100 gallons of cold patch liquid was used by the department in mixing cold patch aggregate at the garage, and 24 tons of ready-mixed commercial patching material was used in street patching operations.

Late in March the usual Spring sweeping, cleaning and removal of accumulated sand and debris from roadways and sidewalks was undertaken.

This work was done both by hand labor and machine, the Roto-Sweeper being used.

During the winter months, brush was cut from roadsides on outlying streets to eliminate traffic hazards. Several stone retaining walls were repaired, and wooden and pipe guard rails were also repaired in several localities.

The gravel plant at the pit was operated and a reserve stock pile of gravel built up.

## **Chapter 90 Maintenance**

Chapter 90 Maintenance work was curtailed greatly during the year. Because of reduced appropriations the Department was forced to reduce its allotment for Chapter 90 Maintenance. As the State and County will only match the Town allotment their allotments were likewise reduced so that the total available was considerably less than is ordinarily available. Surface applications were made to the roadway on Lowell Street, and guard rails were repaired and painted. On Haverrhill Street, guard rails were painted and repaired, box and pipe culverts were cleaned, and brush was cut from the roadsides.

## **Chapter 83 Construction**

No streets were accepted as Public Ways in 1943, nor were any highways constructed under the provisions of Chapter 83 during the year.

## **Granolithic Sidewalks**

Granolithic sidewalk construction was limited to but one new installation, abutting the First Congregational Church on Sanborn Street.

Several existing granolithic sidewalks were repaired during the year, by the removal of failed sectors and installation of new. Tree roots and poor sub-soil drainage were responsible for most of the sidewalk failures.

### **Stonedust Sidewalks**

To temporarily surface gravel or earth sidewalks, stonedust was applied to 4236.00 lineal feet of sidewalk abutting 49 separate properties and totaling 2360 square yards of sidewalk surface, 54.75 tons of stonedust being used for this purpose. Practically all of these installations were done at the request of property owners seeking to improve conditions abutting their own properties. As available funds for this type of work are limited, an attempt is made each year to accommodate requests in the order received.

### **Gravel Sidewalks**

Gravel was applied to 945 lineal feet of sidewalks abutting 12 separate properties, totaling 521 square yards of sidewalk surface. In most instances, these new gravel sidewalks also received a top surfacing of stone dust.

Tree lawns were loamed, fertilized and seeded in several locations. The hot dry summer period plus lack of care and watering by abutting property owners caused many tree lawn failures.

### **Granite Curbing**

Granite curbing construction was limited to but one new installation under the Betterment Act, on John Street.

At the South-Westerly intersection of Main and Washington Streets, a sharp corner was eliminated by removing the old radius curbing and setting new radius curbing. As Ash Street from Washington to Main Streets had been made a one-way street for south-bound traffic, the left turn from Main Street into Washington Street for north-bound traffic made this a dangerous corner. The radius curbing at the South-East corner of Main and Green Streets was also set back to a longer radius, and a new radius curb was set at the South-Easterly corner of Woburn and Temple Streets.

### **Storm Water Drainage**

Four storm water drain installations were made during 1943, totaling 1206 lineal feet of drain pipe in sizes ranging from 12" to 30". Catch basins, manholes and curb inlets or throat stones were set as required.

Location	Size and Length of Pipe						Totals
	30"	24"	18"	12"	C.B.'s	M.H.'s	
Wescroft Park		492				3	492
Temple Street			541	61	4	5	602
Pine Ridge Road			60				60
Sunnyside Avenue	52						52
Totals	52	492	601	61	4	8	1206

Wescroft Park drain installation eliminated an annoying condition caused by a large open drain ditch which was located in the midst of a new housing development. The ditch was piped with 24" drain pipe from Northerly of Springvale Road to Southerly of Wescroft Road. Excavated material from Quannapowitt Drain was used to cover the drain pipe and level off the open ditch.

On Temple Street, a storm drain was laid from Woburn Street to the angle in Temple Street. This drain, when complete, will eliminate the flow of surface water from Temple Street washing down on private property. The Department hopes to complete this drain in 1944.

Pine Ridge Road and Sunnyside Avenue drains were similar to Wescroft Park drain, short sections of open drain ditches adjacent to residences being piped and covered.

#### Maintenance of Storm Drains

Cleaning, deepening and widening of open drain ditches was accomplished during the year. The Quannapowitt Drain ditch system, although not completed in its entirety, is now taking the run-off from many secondary open ditches in the sections served, greatly increasing the speed of surface water run-off.

During a temporary lull in Quannapowitt Drain construction operations, the Bay City excavating unit with clam shell bucket was used to excavate and deepen an existing open drain ditch from Eaton Street South of Smith Avenue to Pleasant Street West of Wilson Street, connecting with the Quannapowitt Drain at a culvert under Eaton Street. This work caused the ground water level in the area affected to drop appreciably.

Several culverts and sections of storm drains were cleaned and flushed to remove accumulated debris, and all catch basins and man-holes were cleaned out.

#### Dumps

The public dump on John Street was maintained during the year, with a department employee in attendance as caretaker during scheduled hours daily. As often as conditions required, the bulldozer was used to level off and push back over the lips of the dump accumulated

debris, and the 15 ton road roller was used to compact the lips of the dump. Gravel was spread over the dump area several times to cover unsightly areas. In the Spring, landscaping operations were accomplished on the John Street frontage lawned area. Several dead evergreen trees in the screening hedge were replaced with new trees.

In an effort to conserve and save for salvage collection materials needed by the war industries, a large painted wooden sign was erected at the entrance to the dump requesting citizens to save for the war needs of our armed forces all waste paper, tin, fats and metals. Annually, thoughtless persons throw away in the dump many tons of material vitally needed in the nation's war effort. Citizens are again urged to save all of the materials mentioned and turn them in on one of the frequent Salvage Collections which are made by the various town departments under the direction of the local Salvage Committee.

### **War Emergency**

During the year, the personnel and equipment of the Board of Public Works have cooperated with the requests of the Reading Public Safety Committee and the local Office of Civilian Defense. Emergency equipment has responded to all calls or incidents relevant to departmental duties during the practise air raid and blackout tests, with crews of men supplied with proper equipment assigned to each truck unit.

### **Victory Gardens**

In the early Spring, it became apparent that, with the public urged to plant Victory Vegetable Gardens to help relieve the threatened and existing food shortage, many victory gardeners would be unable to hire professional plow men to prepare their gardens for planting because of the sudden great demand for plowing. After ascertaining that the private plowmen could not handle all of the work, and at the urgent request of many citizens, it was decided that the department would cooperate in this phase of definitely essential war-time activity.

The two small crawler-type tractors ordinarily used in sidewalk snow plowing were rigged with the proper type of draw-bars at the garage machine shop, and, after some little difficulty and search, a used Emerson 14" double bottom tractor plow and a new "Cock-Shut" double gang six-foot tractor disc harrow were purchased to attach to the tractors. Although certificates of priority had been secured for the purchase of a new plow, the acute shortage of farm machinery made it impossible to secure one.

By the fifteenth of April, 45 plowing and harrowing applications had been received, and plowing was underway. Two crews of men were used, one crew with the plow rig plowing the land, and the other crew with the harrow rig following them. A low-hung trailer was used to transport the rigs from place to place, shuttling back and forth between the rigs. Most of the garden plots plowed were either new land or old



land that had not been farmed for years, and contained heavy sod, brush, tall grass, and tree roots. The plow did an excellent turning job, and the new double gang disc harrow, when weighted down, cut up the sods effectively, leaving even the rougher land in a friable condition. It was necessary to decline some plowing applications, as small tracts of land 25 feet by 50 feet with no head-land were too small for the tractor plow rig, and in these instances applicants were referred to roto-tiller, gasoline operated or horse-drawn plow owners. During May, which was an unusually wet month with sixteen rainy days during which a total of 5.54 inches of rainfall were recorded, many gardens became too wet to plow and were of necessity left until later in the Spring. On June 12, the last application for plowing had been completed, with a total of 103 individual applications for plowing and harrowing having been received. Some of the garden plots were small, and were worked by one person, others were as large as two acres or more and were worked by civic or neighborhood groups. On the whole, the Victory Gardens in 1943 seemed well cared for and produced good crops. In November, in anticipation of the 1944 gardening season, fourteen plots of land were plowed and five harrowed, to lay fallow over the winter months. Several applications are already on hand for Spring plowing in 1944.

#### **Salvage Collection**

Throughout the year, the salvage bin in the Square was cleaned out periodically and the assorted scrap stored at the Municipal Garage yard. Several heavy articles of salvage and old automobiles were collected as donated and stored.

On Wednesday, June 16, a general salvage collection was made, and all Departmental equipment and personnel was employed in the operation. School children on Tuesday, June 15, canvassed the entire town and carried light salvage and tin cans to 38 neighborhood salvage depots, also collected about 200 release slips from property owners listing heavy salvage. The collection and sorting was completed on June 16, and the final estimate showed approximately twenty tons of tin and ten tons of miscellaneous scrap. Employees and equipment of the Municipal Light Department and the Cemetery Department aided and assisted in the collection and sorting. The sorted salvage was disposed of to an authorized agency.

On Monday, October 25, a scheduled collection of paper and tin cans was made throughout the town. This collection, for tin cans and all types of paper, began at 8:30 A. M. with Ten Board of Public Works trucks, Two Municipal Light Department trucks, One Moth Department, One Cemetery Department and One Welfare Department truck assigned to specified routes which included every street, public or private in Reading. Truck crews were instructed to cover their routes and



pick up all tin cans or paper found on the tree lawns or near the streets. Many householders failed to get out their collections until after the trucks had passed by. Others, misled by incorrect publicity to the effect that only heavy paper or carton type paper was needed, withheld their stocks of newspaper. A large tractor-trailer unit owned by a paper company was in the garage yard to receive the collected paper, and was loaded direct from the collection trucks. The salvage collection ended at noon, with a total of 3½ tons of paper and 5 tons of tin cans realized from the collection. A disappointing result.

The Salvage Collection originally scheduled for November 17 was, due to inclement weather, postponed to November 18. School children were excused from classes on November 17 and canvassed the Town, collecting lightweight salvage at 24 depots and obtaining release slips showing locations of heavy salvage.

Eighteen trucks and two truck crane units including eleven trucks and one crane from the Public Works, two trucks and one crane from the Municipal Light Department, and one truck each from the Cemetery, Welfare and Moth Departments, together with operating crews, were used in the collection on November 18th. Certain truck units were assigned to collect salvage at salvage depots, teams of trucks and cranes assigned to collect heavy salvage, and other trucks assigned to general route salvage collection. The entire Town was covered in the morning by trucks collecting general salvage placed on roadsides by householders, and covered again in the afternoon collecting paper salvage.

Fair results were obtained from this collection, with a total of approximately Ten tons of paper and an estimated amount of Twenty-five tons of general iron and tin realized.

Paper and tin drives will be scheduled throughout 1944, as a critical shortage of paper and tin exists. Citizens are urgently requested to cooperate during 1944 with all Town Salvage Collections, which will be advertised in advance of the collection date.

### **General**

Several improvements have been made at the Municipal Garage to facilitate proper use of machine shop installations, and improve working conditions there. The large, unused double doors at the rear of the building were walled up with cement blocks, and a new small entrance door made in the front of the garage to permit egress to the garage without passing through the garage office. This will be especially helpful during snow storms when large numbers of men are continuously passing in and out of the garage.

## PARK DEPARTMENT

To the Board of Public Works:  
Gentlemen:

The following is the yearly report of the Park Department:

Appropriation ..... \$ 4,000.00  
Expended:

Memorial Park

Pay Roll .....	\$	813.63
Misc. Supplies and Repairs ....		36.89

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\$ 850.52

Leach Park

Pay Roll .....	\$	29.75
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Commons

Pay Roll .....	\$	251.18
Supplies .....		21.29

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\$ 272.47

Skating Rink

Pay Roll .....	\$	270.15
Supplies and Misc. ....		55.88

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\$ 326.03

Washington Street

Pay Roll .....	\$	875.42
Supplies, Tools and Misc. ....		81.30

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\$ 956.72

Birch Meadow

Pay Roll .....	\$	1,015.13
Supplies, Tools and Misc. ....		187.99

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\$ 1,203.12

Miscellaneous

Pay Roll .....	\$	37.96
Supplies .....		71.83
Road Machinery Account ....		241.60

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\$ 351.39

Grand Total Expended .....	\$	3,990.00
Balance Unexpended .....	\$	10.00

## **PARK DEPARTMENT**

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The parks and playgrounds were in constant use during the summer months, with a well-planned and excellently supervised organized play program, under the auspices of the Reading Recreation Committee. This Committee was formed for the purpose of preventing possible juvenile delinquency among Reading's youth by a planned and controlled program of sports, crafts, and social events, and was composed of four members, two advisory members and a salaried director. For a more complete enumeration of the results achieved by this Committee in 1943, reference is hereby made to the report of the Recreation Committee included elsewhere in the Town report.

The 1943 Park and Playground appropriation was considerably less than the 1942 appropriation. Services were, as a result, seriously impaired.

A brief resume' of the improvements and maintenance work accomplished at each park, playground and recreation center follows:

### **Memorial Park**

Repairs were made to the tennis courts early in the Spring, and, as far as funds permitted, maintenance work to the grounds was accomplished. Playground equipment was set up and kept in repair in season. Memorial Park Barn received certain necessary repairs, as it was used in the Recreation Committee program for craft work, art, and small children's games and play. On rainy days special programs were held in the Barn. Through years of use and acts of vandalism, the barn is each year becoming more of a maintenance problem and is rapidly becoming an eye-sore to the Town.

Grass was burned from the skating pond area to insure good skating, and repairs made to the gate dam. Snow was cleared from the ice as needed through the winter months.

### **Birch Meadow Playground**

The permanent playground apparatus and facilities at this playground were kept in repair and were in constant use in season. The wading pool floor, which had become badly cracked by frost action, was cut out and removed, and a new floor put in. Hockey rink walls were erected in season and repairs made to the outlet dam at the skating area. Much of the maintenance work at this playground, as well as at others, was made necessary because of acts of vandalism to equipment and installation. It is becoming increasingly difficult to obtain repair parts for playground equipment, and the persons responsible for the unnecessary damages should be apprehended and punished.

### **Washington Street Ball Park**

Maintenance work was accomplished as funds permitted on the Park grounds as early in the Spring as weather conditions permitted. The baseball diamond was prepared for Spring practise, and the bleachers transferred from the Walter Parker Junior High School field to the Park for the baseball season and returned to the school field for the football season.

The wading pool required extensive repairs, which were accomplished prior to the playground summer opening. A new drain pipe was also laid to replace a clogged drain.

The annual July 4th Field Day, sponsored by the Board of Public Works, was postponed because of inclement weather, to Saturday, July 10th. Recreation Committee employees supervised the program of races, novelty and special events, assisted by a representative of the Board of Public Works. A total of 48 merchandise prizes were awarded to the winners of the various events, which were divided by age brackets into three classes for both boys and girls, as well as special events open to all. Approximately 300 children attended the Field Day, as well as a goodly number of adult spectators.

### **Sturges Public Ice Skating and Winter Sports Center**

This popular winter sports center was again available through the generosity of the owner, and was well patronized in season. The regular maintenance work was accomplished to insure good ice skating, and the hockey rink walls erected and maintained.

Snow was cleared from the skating area when necessary, and a water spray applied to the ice in the hockey rink when needed. By means of a dam near Walnut Street, natural surface water flow-off is collected from a sizeable watershed and floods a large skating area.

### **War Memorial**

The grassed area, shrub beds and area surrounding the War Memorial was thoroughly landscaped in the early Spring, and was maintained through the year.

### **Commons and Grass Plots**

Reading Common, Elm and Leach Parks, and intersection grass plots received no special major improvements during the year, but were maintained to present an attractive appearance.

## SEWER DEPARTMENT

To the Board of Public Works:

Gentlemen:

The following is the yearly report of the Sewer Department:

### Construction and Maintenance Account

Appropriation .....		\$ 9,200.00
Expended:		
Pay Roll .....	\$ 3,577.72	
Interest on Bonds .....	1,450.00	
Insurance .....	623.65	
Misc. Tools and Supplies .....	903.39	
Road Machinery Acct. ....	855.66	
Total Expended .....		\$ 7,410.42
Balance Unexpended .....		\$ 1,789.58
<b>House Connection Account</b>		
Appropriation .....		\$ 1,700.00
Expended:		
Pay Roll .....	\$ 1,212.44	
Pipe, Fittings, etc. ....	253.46	
Total Expended .....		\$ 1,465.90
Balance Unexpended .....		\$ 234.10

### Main Trunk Sewer Extensions

Two main trunk sewer extensions were installed in 1944, both having been approved by the War Production Board. In each instance, the extensions were made to permit existing residences whose private cess-pools had become unusable to connect with the common sanitary sewer.

On Pratt Street, 220.8 lineal feet of 6" V. C. sewer pipe was laid, from Prescott Street Southerly, and two houses were connected to it. On Hillcrest Road, 54.5 lineal feet of 8" V. C. sewer pipe was laid, and two existing residences connected thereto. No sewer manholes nor underdrains were installed on either trunk sewer extension.

Applications are on file for two sewer extensions which will be constructed in 1944.

### Sewer Maintenance

No trunk sewer stoppages occurred during 1943, all lines operating efficiently. One trunk sewer on a flat gradient was thoroughly flushed to insure against possible stoppage.

A Chevrolet automobile, donated by a Reading citizen, was remodeled by department employees into a box-body trailer to carry the sewer cleaning equipment. This rig has proved very convenient in sewer cleaning operations.

Several worn and noisy manhole covers were either replaced or repaired by the installation of cushion manhole gaskets.

### **Sewer House Connections**

Eighteen new sewer house connections were completed in 1943, having a total length of 1061.90 feet, at an average cost to the individual property owner of \$41.00 per connection. Fourteen of these sewer connections were made to existing dwelling houses on streets in which trunk sewers were already available, and four were made to existing dwelling houses on streets in which the two trunk sewer extensions were constructed. Eleven of the sewer house connections were installed on a cash deposit basis, and seven were installed under the provisions of the Sewer Betterment Act which requires no initial deposit and permits payments to be extended over a period of years.

As of January 1, 1944, there are in the area serviced by the Reading sewer system 972 possible sewer house connections on existing sewered streets, of which number 700 or 72 percent, are now connected. The annual notification citing the provisions of Chapter 280, General Laws, Acts of 1937, which became effective July 15, 1938, being an Act requiring property owners to connect their estates with the common sewer within a specified time period, was made to all owners of estates affected by the provisions of this Act. The statute requires that properties abutting streets in which a common sewer is available or is constructed in the future must be connected thereto within a period of ten years, after, either the acceptance date of the Act by the Town (July 15, 1938) or the construction date of a sewer at a later time.

### **Sewer House Connection Maintenance**

Twenty sewer house connections sustained stoppages during the year, and all were promptly cleared by the department maintenance crew. Seventeen of the stoppages were due to the entrance into the sewer pipe through defective joints of tree roots, and were cleared at no expense to the abutters. The other three stoppages were caused by the attempted disposal of insoluble objects in the sanitary sewer, and were cleared at the owner's expense.

Six sewer house connections were re-laid for all or part of their length, to correct faulty initial construction work, and one sewer connection was lowered in a street to permit installation of a storm drain pipe.

Sewer trenches in roadways were all carefully K. P. surfaced after settling had taken place, to preserve the road surfaces.



# READING SEWERAGE SYSTEM

Tables Showing

Streets Containing Sewers

Length of Sewer Connections

Main Sewers in Streets

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Underdrains in Streets

# STREETS

Streets	Possible Con- nections	Completed Con- nections	Per Cent Con- nected	No Con- struction Started	Connected to Street Line	Partially installed to House	Revenue Charged 1943
Arlington.....	12	8	67	1	2	1	56.42
Ash.....	17	10	59	6	..	1	129.91
Bancroft.....	27	17	63	10	..	..	159.37
Berkeley.....	27	18	66	9	..	..	177.88
Brook.....	9	5	56	2	..	2	35.46
Center.....	10	9	90	..	1	..	95.85
Chute.....	2	1	50	1	..	..	6.00
Copeland.....	8	8	100	0	..	..	180.18
Dudley.....	10	7	70	3	..	..	90.77
Eaton.....	12	6	50	6	..	..	28.79
Echo.....	4	3	75	1	..	..	66.14
Elliott.....	8	5	63	3	..	..	56.37
Elm.....	4	2	50	2	..	..	14.74
Fremont.....	4	4	100	..	..	..	42.38
Fulton.....	1	1	100	..	..	..	13.94
Gardner.....	8	7	87	1	..	..	60.03
Gilmore.....	2	1	50	1	..	..	38.92
Gould.....	3	3	100	..	..	..	23.63
Green.....	53	42	79	5	1	5	526.27
Harnden.....	9	8	89	..	1	..	115.39
Harrison.....	9	7	78	2	..	..	105.69
Haven.....	46	31	67	7	6	2	690.46
High.....	17	8	47	7	2	..	128.86
Hillcrest.....	10	9	90	1	..	..	117.45
Howard.....	18	17	94	..	1	..	191.87
Ide.....	2	1	50	1	..	..	14.03
John.....	19	17	89	2	..	..	410.71
King.....	6	6	100	..	..	..	97.63
Kingston.....	15	15	100	..	..	..	134.51
Lincoln.....	7	5	71	..	2	..	96.54
Linden.....	11	7	69	3	..	1	122.58
Lowell.....	4	4	100	..	..	..	50.84
Main.....	54	44	82	..	8	2	1,021.92
Maple.....	2	1	50	..	1	..	8.05
Middle.....	3	2	66	1	..	..	11.04
Middlesex.....	24	16	66	6	..	2	256.56
Minot.....	12	9	75	..	1	2	102.77
Mt. Vernon.....	23	16	70	7	..	..	173.22
Orange.....	3	2	66	1	..	..	23.41
Parker.....	7	7	100	..	..	..	84.46
Park.....	7	6	86	..	..	1	53.46
Pearl.....	16	3	19	13	..	..	64.18
Perkins.....	7	7	100	..	..	..	123.30
Pine.....	1	1	100	..	..	..	6.00
Pleasant.....	37	21	57	14	2	..	293.52
Pratt.....	6	5	83	1	..	..	32.67
Prescott.....	53	49	92	1	3	..	572.68
Prospect.....	18	10	56	7	1	..	134.69
Salem.....	22	14	64	1	7	..	277.88
Sanborn.....	15	11	73	2	..	2	302.72
School.....	10	8	80	2	..	..	57.80
Scotland.....	3	3	100	..	..	..	6.00
Smith.....	15	15	100	..	..	..	158.55
Summer.....	18	9	50	8	..	1	120.03
Sunnyside.....	1	1	100	..	..	..	..
Sweetser.....	5	3	60	..	2	..	25.04
Temple.....	33	15	45	..	12	6	312.42
Union.....	5	3	60	1	..	1	30.70
Village.....	22	14	64	7	..	1	173.68
Warren.....	17	15	88	..	1	1	179.30
Washington.....	39	29	74	9	1	..	302.11
Wenda.....	4	4	100	..	..	..	42.29
Wilson.....	11	9	82	2	..	..	63.74
Woburn.....	85	56	66	3	22	4	694.48
Totals.....	972	700	72	160	77	35	9,788.28

# **LENGTH OF SEWER CONNECTIONS RUN TO EITHER CURB, HOUSES, OR CONNECTED**

Streets	Curb	Houses	Connected	Total Length
Arlington.....	42.00	46.00	371.50	459.50
Ash.....			429.10	429.10
Bancroft.....			837.70	837.70
Berkeley.....			1,018.70	1,018.70
Brook.....		85.50	252.60	338.10
Center.....	19.00		371.50	390.50
Chute.....			66.50	66.50
Copeland.....			506.00	506.00
Dudley.....			441.00	441.00
Eaton.....			354.40	354.40
Echo.....			157.00	157.00
Elliott.....			264.00	264.00
Elm.....			84.30	84.30
Fremont.....			209.00	209.00
Fulton.....			44.00	44.00
Gardner.....			312.00	312.00
Gilmore.....			42.50	42.50
Gould.....			236.50	236.50
Green.....	36.00	173.00	1,828.91	2,037.91
Harnden.....	32.00		257.80	289.80
Harrison.....			286.40	286.40
Haven.....	186.00	79.00	1,340.80	1,605.80
High.....	22.00		285.90	307.90
Hillcrest.....			570.00	570.00
Howard.....	25.00		1,094.50	1,119.50
Ide.....			56.50	56.50
John.....		37.00	770.10	807.10
King.....			369.10	369.10
Kingston.....			636.00	636.00
Lincoln.....	70.00		253.00	323.00
Linden.....		41.00	339.70	380.70
Lowell.....			287.00	287.00
Main.....	338.50	99.00	2,234.75	2,672.25
Maple.....	18.00		40.00	58.00
Middle.....			80.50	80.50
Middlesex.....		138.00	1,081.20	1,219.20
Minot.....	21.00	77.00	367.00	465.00
Mt. Vernon.....			805.50	805.50
Orange.....			128.90	128.90
Park.....		37.00	208.00	245.00
Parker.....			302.50	302.50
Pearl.....			431.40	431.40
Perkins.....			434.80	434.80
Pine.....			46.00	46.00
Pleasant.....	28.00		1,059.30	1,087.30
Pratt.....			433.50	433.50
Prescott.....	92.00	148.00	3,141.30	3,381.30
Prospect.....			845.00	845.00
Salem.....	203.29		888.31	1,091.60
Saunborn.....		98.80	699.90	797.90
School.....			416.40	416.40
Scotland.....			163.00	163.00
Summer.....		94.00	692.20	786.20
Smith.....			602.30	602.30
Sunnyside.....			52.50	52.50
Sweetser.....	43.00		130.00	173.00
Temple.....	257.00	173.00	910.80	1,340.80
Union.....		66.00	177.00	243.00
Village.....		34.00	658.50	692.50
Warren.....	19.40	68.00	599.60	687.00
Washington.....	50.00	22.00	1,417.80	1,417.80
Wenda.....			202.50	202.50
Wilson.....		43.00	380.90	423.90
Woburn.....	352.80	222.50	3,408.60	3,983.90
Totals.....	1,854.99	1,781.00	37,414.77	41,050.76

# LENGTH OF MAIN SEWERS IN STREETS

Streets	5"	6"	8"	10"	12"	15"	18"	20"	24"	Total
Arlington			399.80							399.80
Ash			822.90			258.80				1,081.70
Bancroft			1,366.79							1,366.79
Berkeley			1,256.10							1,256.10
Brook									847.60	847.60
Center			620.60							620.60
Chute			120.00							120.00
Copeland			500.00							500.00
Dudley			374.50							374.50
Eaton					500.00	907.70				1,407.70
Echo				95.40	79.00					174.40
Elliott			396.00							396.00
Elm			383.28							383.28
Fremont			456.50							456.50
Gardner			475.00							475.00
Gilmore	181.80									181.80
Green		175.20	1,717.40			821.60				2,714.20
Harnden			559.30							559.30
Harrison					539.50					539.50
Haven			1,752.80							1,752.80
High				1,338.05	736.10					2,074.15
Hillcrest			825.30							825.30
Howard		300.00	1,110.00							1,410.00
Interceptors			205.00						2,732.00	2,937.00
John		110.00	266.00			569.60			178.50	1,124.10
King		340.00	175.00							515.00
Kingston			719.30							719.30
Lincoln				573.40	538.10					1,111.50
Linden		125.00	735.30							860.30
Lowell			813.10							813.10
Main			1,246.10		955.50			234.90		2,436.50
Maple			189.20							189.20
Middle			313.60							313.60
Middlesex			1,423.40							1,423.40
Minot			1,409.65							1,409.65
Mt. Vernon			828.52	160.00						988.52
Orange					396.21					396.21
Park			507.30	322.70						830.00
Parker			427.00							427.00
Pearl					855.55					855.55
Perkins			400.00							400.00
Pine			226.00							226.00
Pleasant			1,496.80		843.96					2,340.76
Pratt			776.30							776.30
Prescott			2,265.30		1,174.10					3,439.40
Prospect			1,260.00							1,260.00
Salem			1,004.90		132.50					1,137.40
Sanborn			716.30							716.30
School			688.25							688.25
Smith				475.00						475.00
Summer			1,229.40							1,229.40
Sunnyside				264.00						264.00
Sweetser			334.30							334.30
Temple		896.76		432.89	661.39					1,991.04
Union			303.60							303.60
Village			1,015.60				487.80			1,503.40
Warren			715.00							715.00
Washington			424.90		246.80	312.90		1,574.30		2,558.90
Wenda		300.00								300.00
Wilson				471.40	333.10					804.50
Woburn		732.80	2,999.25		917.40					4,649.45
Totals	181.80	3,200.56	38,029.84	4,132.84	8,909.21	2,870.60	487.80	1,809.20	3,758.10	63,379.95

# LENGTH OF UNDERDRAINS IN STREETS

Streets	5 Inch	6 Inch	8 Inch	10 Inch	Total Length	Total Length Sewers and Underdrains
Arlington.....						399.80
Ash.....	237.00			258.80	495.80	1,577.50
Bancroft.....						1,366.79
Berkeley.....		456.00			456.00	1,712.10
Brook.....		847.60			847.60	1,695.20
Center.....	620.60				620.60	1,241.20
Chute.....						120.00
Copeland.....						500.00
Dudley.....						344.50
Eaton.....		880.00	527.70		1,407.70	2,815.40
Echo.....		159.00			159.00	333.40
Elliott.....						396.00
Elm.....	323.28				383.28	766.56
Fremont.....		456.50			456.50	913.00
Gardner.....						475.00
Gilmore.....						181.80
Green.....	836.50	944.10			1,811.00	4,525.20
Harnden.....						559.30
Harrison.....						539.50
Haven.....		588.20			588.20	2,341.00
High.....		487.70	736.10		1,223.80	3,297.95
Hillcrest.....		450.40			450.40	1,245.70
Howard.....		1,410.00			1,410.00	2,820.00
Interceptors.....		2,937.00			2,937.00	5,874.00
John.....		448.10			448.10	1,872.20
King.....		175.00			175.00	690.00
Kingston.....	609.30	110.00			719.30	1,438.60
Lincoln.....			1,111.50		1,111.50	2,223.00
Linden.....	290.40	444.90			735.30	1,595.60
Lowell.....						813.10
Main.....		1,246.10	955.50	234.90	2,436.50	4,873.00
Maple.....	189.20				189.20	378.40
Middle.....						313.60
Middlesex.....	254.00				254.00	1,677.40
Minot.....	942.65	437.00			1,409.65	2,819.30
Mt. Vernon.....		230.30			230.30	1,218.82
Orange.....		396.21			396.21	792.42
Park.....	507.30		322.70		830.00	1,660.00
Parker.....						427.00
Pearl.....		855.55			855.55	1,711.10
Perkins.....						400.00
Pine.....	226.00				226.00	452.00
Pleasant.....		374.00	469.80		843.80	3,184.56
Pratt.....	252.20	303.30			555.50	1,331.90
Prescott.....	1,070.60	2,091.80			3,162.40	6,601.80
Prospect.....	886.00				886.00	2,146.00
Salem.....	543.00		132.50		675.50	1,812.90
Sanborn.....	200.00				200.00	916.30
School.....						688.25
Smith.....						475.00
Summer.....						1,229.40
Sunnyside.....		222.00			222.00	486.00
Sweetser.....	175.00				175.00	509.30
Temple.....		40.00			40.00	2,031.04
Union.....						303.60
Village.....		825.00			825.00	2,328.40
Warren.....	715.00				715.00	1,430.00
Washington.....		724.00	246.80	1,163.20	2,134.00	4,692.90
Wenda.....						300.00
Wilson.....			804.50		804.50	1,609.00
Woburn.....	1,196.00		917.40		2,113.40	6,762.85
Total Lengths	10,164.43	18,869.76	6,224.50	1,656.90	36,915.59	100,295.54

## REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

To the Board of Public Works:

Gentlemen:

The following is the yearly report of the executive office:

Appropriation .....	\$ 5,900.00
Expended:	
Salaries .....	\$ 5,173.77
Supplies and Misc. ....	660.09
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Total Expended .....	\$ 5,833.86
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Balance Unexpended .....	\$ 66.14

The following table shows the expenditures made this past year in the major departments, the payroll of each, and the entire expenditures of the Department of Public Works:

Note: Highway includes all other departmental accounts not specifically mentioned below, such as Chapter 90, Betterments, Drainage, Snow and Ice, etc.

	B.P.W.	Water	Highway	Sewer	Park	Totals
Pay Roll	\$5,173.77	\$21,084.17	\$43,448.86	\$4,790.16	\$3,298.20	\$ 77,795.16
Bills	660.09	24,565.98	33,596.06	4,086.16	691.80	63,600.09
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Totals	\$5,833.86	\$45,650.15	\$77,044.92	\$8,876.32	\$3,990.00	\$141,395.25

In closing this report, the Superintendent wishes to express his appreciation to the members of the Board for their many helpful suggestions and kindnesses extended to him during the year, and to assure all those in any way associated with him in carrying on the work of the Department of his gratitude for their interest and co-operation, and to acknowledge the assistance, co-operation and helpful suggestions which he has received from the other department heads of the town.

PHILIP WELCH, Superintendent



## SPECIAL DRAINAGE COMMITTEE

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To the Citizens of Reading, the Special Drainage Committee for the Lake Quannapowitt Drainage Area submits its fourth annual report:

The Committee held four general meetings during the year, and sub-committees held various meetings and conferences with State and Federal officials in relation to problems involving the drain construction. A meeting was also held with the Reading Planning Board to consider the possible effect of the drain ditch on the proposed location of Route 128.

The liquidation of Federal Works Progress Administration was consummated on March 1, 1943 at which time all W. P. A. work on the Quannapowitt Drain project ceased. To continue the construction of Salem Street culvert and bridges over three private ways in the old Reading-Wakefield Fair Ground area, and other necessary work, petition was made to the proper authorities for temporary appointment of certain men as laborers under civil service regulations. This petition was granted, and a small crew of workmen carried on the project. Also, at various times during the year, several public works employees, with Departmental equipment, worked on the project.

Under the provision of Chapter 458, Acts of 1939, which is the Reading Drainage Act, the Town of Wakefield was given the right to regulate the height of water surface in Lake Quannapowitt between the high water mark as fixed from time to time by the State Department of Public Works and the low water mark of elevation 186.3 established by Chapter 539 Acts of 1909. On May 25, 1943, the State Commissioners of Public Works voted that the legal high water mark of Lake Quannapowitt be fixed, until further action by the Department, as elevation 188. The previous elevation set by them on February 25, 1942 was 187.

The Drainage Committee herewith submits a report of progress in the actual construction of the drain ditch during 1943; and also of work remaining to be done:

Approximately 90% of the actual excavation of the ditch system has been excavated. This includes the main drain ditch from Vernon St., Wakefield to Ash Street, Reading; the section from Salem Street, Reading, to Ash Street, having been excavated in 1943, and three main tributary ditches running from the main ditch to Salem Street, John Street and Eaton Street respectively. Remaining to be excavated is that section of the main ditch Westerly of Ash Street, also a short tributary ditch Easterly of John Street, Reading. A diversion dam must also be constructed Westerly of Ash Street, and a dike constructed along the Reading-Wakefield Town Line from John Street to Ash Street. The site of this dike has been cleared of trees and brush, but no actual construction work has as yet been accomplished on the dike. All other

structures, culverts, bridges, etc., have been completed, with the exception of two traffic bridges.

Approximately 50% of all hand labor work, such as trimming and fine grading ditch banks, building gravel roadways, placing rip-rap, building guard rails, etc., has been completed.

The drain has functioned efficiently in the areas where the excavation has been completed. The bulk run-off of ground and surface water in these areas has been rapid, and large areas of swamp land have been drained to the relief of adjacent property owners. Water which formerly stood in stagnant pools until evaporation took place because of the height of the underground water table is now non-existent due to the lowering of the water level by the ditch.

The Committee confidently expects that with the completion of the Quannapowitt Drainage System and the cleaning and regrading of the many small tributary or feeder ditches leading into it, the entire area of the town served by this watershed will be more efficiently drained, provided the main drain and tributary ditches are properly maintained in future years.

At the time of printing this report (February 8, 1944) the Bay City unit is excavating the ditch located Easterly of John Street and running to the Quannapowitt Boulevard. It is planned to continue excavation through the winter months as weather conditions permit.

The question of future financing of the drain project has received considerable attention from the Committee, as Federal funds allocated to it for labor and materials were withdrawn when W. P. A. liquidated March 1, 1943. Since that time, the work has been carried on with day labor paid from Town funds deposited with the State Treasurer from initial appropriations. A report on the financial status of the project will be prepared for presentation at the March, 1944, Town Meeting.

In closing this report, the Committee wishes to express its appreciation of the cooperation received through the year from the State Department of Public Works, the Reading Board of Public Works, and the other Boards and officials with whom it has conferred.

WENDELL P. DAVIS, Chairman  
HAROLD W. PUTNAM, Secretary  
CARL W. GOODRIDGE  
WILLIAM A. CONNELLY  
PHILIP WHITE  
SAMUEL H. DAVIS  
ARTHUR W. COOLIDGE  
EDWARD A. BROPHY  
HERBERT W. HUNT  
FRED LAIDLAW  
GEORGE ZANNI

Reading Drainage Committee

## READING RECREATION COMMITTEE REPORT FOR SUMMER PLAYGROUNDS — 1943

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Early in May, the Board of Public Works, at the request of various citizens and organizations, invited a large group of citizens representing church, fraternal and civic organizations to a joint meeting, the purpose of which was to discuss the advisability of instituting a recreational and educational program during 1943 as a curb to and preventative of possible juvenile delinquency. This group included representatives of many organizations such as all the Churches, all Town Boards, the Rotary Club, the Woman's Club, League of Women Voters, the Lions Club, the Neighborhood Betterment Association, Northern Residents, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Teachers Club, American Legion, Parent Teachers Association and many others. This group was unanimous in their opinion that a recreational and educational program was advisable. As a result, a committee was appointed to take action on the opinion as expressed at the joint meeting and to place the matter before the Townspeople for their decision.

At a Special Town Meeting on June 1, 1943, a motion was presented to the Town which included a proposal to establish a Recreation Committee and which further proposed an appropriation for a Recreational and Educational Program. This motion was carried. The Committee established under the motion included Mr. Gilbert M. Lothrop, representing the Board of Public Works, Mrs. Charles A. Holcomb, representing the School Committee, Mr. Herbert K. Miller, representing the Board of Selectmen and the Rev. Dr. Charles F. Lancaster, representing the Churches. The Committee quickly organized to carry out the instructions given to them by the Town. Mr. Lothrop was elected Chairman. Mr. E. C. Grover, Superintendent of Schools and Mr. Philip Welch, Superintendent of Public Works, were requested to serve with the Committee as advisory members.

The aims formulated by the Recreation Committee were:

To occupy the energy of the youth of Reading with a constructive program;

To prevent child delinquency which has become more prevalent in many communities since the start of the war;

To supervise the young people during the hours that parents are away from home on defense work;

To have planned activity for the increased number of children

remaining in Reading during the summer months because of transportation difficulties; and, finally,

To teach to all the children the proper use of leisure time.

Mr. Grant Longley, Director of Physical Education at Dean Academy, Franklin, Mass., was appointed Director and was supplied with a staff of competent assistants, many of whom were specialists, in one or more particular sports or arts. Three playgrounds and four schools were selected as recreation areas, and members of the staff of instructors assigned to each area.

An employment bureau was set up, and 28 employers offered 7 permanent positions, 36 temporary positions, and 3 unfilled positions. There were 42 children registered for positions, and all but 3 of the positions offered were accepted.

An innovation was used in the method of charging the children for handicraft materials. Instead of being reimbursed for the materials, the Committee gave instructions for the children to buy a War Saving Stamp equal to the value of the material used, the children keeping the stamp as well as the materials purchased. War Saving Stamps to the amount of \$154.05 were sold in this way.

Each week during the summer a special program was scheduled for the latter part of each week. These special programs were designed to be attractive and of interest to both the children as well as the parents.

The program opened with a Field Day at Washington Street Park on Saturday, July 10th. Originally it had been planned to hold the Field Day on July 4th but because of inclement weather it was postponed to July 10th. The Field Day was sponsored by the Board of Public Works and the prizes were donated by them. The program consisted of a series of races, novelty and special events. A total of 48 prizes were awarded to the winners of the various events. Approximately 300 children participated and a large group of adults were spectators.

Every Thursday evening throughout the summer a baseball game was played at Washington Park between the Playground All Stars and out-of-town teams. The Reading Team won the majority of these games.

On July 16th, a doll show was staged at Memorial Park with a large number of entrants in the doll show and doll carriage parade. Also on the same day, a model airplane show and flying contest was held at Birch Meadow which climaxed Doll and Airplane Week.

On July 23rd, an exhibition of dancing and of stunts was held at the Junior High School with children from all the playgrounds par-

ticipating. This program with its twenty-five various numbers climaxed Dance Week.

An exhibition of nature collections from all the playgrounds was held at Memorial Park, July 30. In the afternoon, each playground staged a Pet Show at which all sorts of pets ranging from rats to monkeys were shown. This feature brought to a close Nature and Pet Week.

On August 6th, a bicycle riding stunt exhibition was held at Washington Park as the final program of Health and Safety Week.

A kite tournament for all playgrounds was held at Memorial Park on August 13th, while a hobby demonstration was staged at Birch Meadow and then the best hobbies were put on exhibition in an empty store window in the center of the town business district. This climaxed Hobby Week.

One of the best programs of the year was held at the Junior High School on the night of August 19th, when an amateur show of nineteen acts entertained 400 people. The talent was gathered from the playgrounds and proved to be of excellent quality. The following day the girls of the Junior High School staged a one-act play. This ended Music and Show Week.

For the final week, the boys and girls pointed for the climax day in the nature of a Play Day. On Friday, August 27, the children from all the various playgrounds journeyed to Memorial Park where the final championship matches and tournaments were held in the morning. Wrestling, boxing, volley ball, jump rope, hopscotch, and checker champions were chosen. Then in the afternoon, a Horribles Parade with a large number of children dressed in costumes and many decorated vehicles such as carts, scooters, bicycles, etc., paraded through the streets near Memorial Park. The parade finally ended at Memorial Park and the season's prizes were given.

Travelling libraries furnished by the Reading Library visited the playgrounds continuously during the summer months. Story telling periods were held under leadership furnished by the Library.

Many tournaments were run throughout the season with at least one each week. Champions were crowned in stilt walking, checkers, boxing, wrestling, volley ball, softball, mumble de peg, jump rope and jackstones.

### **Evening Program**

The Recreation Committee felt that there was a need for supervised recreation for teen age children during the evening hours. With this in mind, the Director attempted an evening program that would appeal to this age group.



Movies, parties, and dances were tried, with the dances proving to be the most popular by far. So many young people attended these dances, which at first were to recordings, that for the last five weeks an orchestra was hired.

A Youth Council was formed of young people that attended these functions. They met weekly to determine the policy at these and any other young people's programs. Over 300 young people of teen age regularly attended these dances. Soft drinks were sold at cost. There was an intense desire on the part of the young people to continue these dances throughout the Fall and Winter. Consequently, the dances were continued through October till mid-December under the sponsorship, for one month each, of the Rotary Club, the Woman's Club and the Neighborhood Betterment Association. They were well attended and on the whole can be said to have served the purpose for which they were inaugurated.

### **Ragweed Contest**

The Woman's Club of Reading sponsors annually a ragweed collection contest. Teams were organized on the playgrounds that worked hard and collected many pounds of this pesky weed. The winning team came from Memorial Park with over a ton of weeds to its credit.

### **Leagues and Contests**

The boys of Reading are quite baseball minded, so that it was not difficult to organize three leagues: Midgets, Juniors, and Seniors, according to ages of the boys. Each league had four teams representing the three large playgrounds and another team organized at large. The Washington Playground had the outstanding ball players. One could visit that playground at any time and find a group on the baseball diamond. The result of this active interest was the winning of all three leagues by the Washington boys.

After much publicity and effort a men's singles tennis tournament was formed with sixteen entries. Russell Pollitz and Francis Messier fought their way to the finals with Russell Pollitz emerging the champion with a score of 4-1.

### **Red Cross Work**

American Red Cross First Aid instruction was given by a staff member at Chestnut Hill School playground during the summer, with all children who attended this playground receiving this instruction. At the close of the season, nine children were awarded Junior First Aid Certificates.



Beginners Swimming Instruction was given at Birch Meadow and Washington Playground wading pools. The shallowness of the pools offered many difficulties in the way swimming instruction could be given, yet approximately 140 children entered the classes at both pools. Due, however, to various circumstances, only five children were awarded American Red Cross Beginners Certificates.

During the months of July and August, the total attendance was 35,084. The average weekly attendance was 4,385 and the average daily attendance was 626.

The number of Reading delinquency cases declined in 1943, there being only two cases. The Recreation Committee feels that this decline in delinquency is due in great measure to the Recreation Program of the Town.

The Recreation Committee would herewith like to extend its thanks to all who have in any way assisted them in their efforts to carry on a Recreational and Educational program. The Committee particularly appreciates the active cooperation extended to them by the Board of Public Works, the School Committee, the Board of Selectmen, the Library Trustees, the Police Department, the Churches, the Rotary Club, the Woman's Club and the Neighborhood Betterment Association.

The Recreation Committee believes that the 1943 recreation program was well worth the monetary cost and sincerely recommends that a similar program be attempted in 1944.

Recreation committee,

GILBERT M. LOTHROP, Chairman  
MRS. CHARLES A. HOLCOMB  
HERBERT K. MILLER  
REV. DR. CHARLES F. LANCASTER



# **Annual Report**

OF THE

## **SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

OF THE

**Town of Reading, Massachusetts**

**For the Year Ended December 31**

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# In Memoriam

OLIVE S. PERRY

TEACHER

1916 — 1943

DR. CHARLES R. HENDERSON

SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

1918 — 1943

Their lives were given to the service  
of youth above gain for self

## ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS

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### School Committee

Irving C. Austin, Chairman, 180 Prescott St.	Term expires 1944
Bernard L. Maxwell, 24 Highland St.	Term expires 1944
Miss Margaret Canty, 67 Mineral St.	Term expires 1945
Dr. Merle W. Wescott, 16 Sanborn St.	Term expires 1945
Norman L. Duncan, 54 Longview Rd.	Term expires 1946
Mrs. Edith W. Holcomb, 197 South St.	Term expires 1946

### School Committee Office

Grouard House, 25 School St.	Telephones Reading 0180; 0059
Open daily, 8:30 a. m. to 5:00 p. m.	Saturday, 9:00 a. m. to 12 m.
Vacations, 9:00 a. m. to 5:00 p. m.	

### Superintendent of Schools

Elbridge C. Grover, 6 Pine Ridge Rd.	Tel. Res. 0479; Office 0180; 0059
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### Secretary to Superintendent

Ruth C. Roberts, 21 Sanborn St.	Tel. Res. 0290-M; Office 0180; 0059
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### School Committee Clerk

Helen M. Pratt, 47 Mt. Vernon St.	Tel. Res. 0225-W; Office 0180; 0059
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### Visiting Teacher

Jean F. Ramsay, 385 Summer Ave.	Tel. Office 1475
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### Attendance Officer

Warburton J. Murray, 27 Berkeley st.	Tel. Office 1475
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### School Physician

Dr. Thomas F. Halpin, 26 Linden St.	Telephone 0086
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### School Nurse

Margaret B. Clewley, 131 Pleasant St., Woburn	
	Tel. Office 1475; Res. Wob. 0316

## NO SCHOOL SIGNALS

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Fire alarm 2-2 repeated three times.

Street lights turned on for five minutes.

Radio announcement when possible over WNAC and WEEI between  
7:00 and 7:45 a.m.

7:15 a. m. for Senior High School.

7:30 a. m. for Junior High School.

7:45 a. m. for Grades 1—6 inclusive.

SINCE SCHOOL BUSES FOR THE DURATION ARE AVAILABLE FOR TRANSPORTATION ONLY TWICE A DAY, MORNING AND NIGHT, NO SCHOOL SIGNALS IN THE MORNING MEAN NO SCHOOL FOR ALL DAY.

High School sessions will be called off only in cases of extremely severe weather or other emergencies. None of the schools will be closed except in severe weather, but it is hoped that parents will at all times use discretion as to whether their children should attend, even when the schools are in session.

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## SCHOOL CLINICS

Dental, Tuesday and Thursday at the Grouard House, 9-12 and 1-3.

Pre-School at the Town Building, Room 19, every Tuesday, 2-4 p. m.

Tuberculosis Prevention, annually by announcement.

Diphtheria Prevention, annually by announcement.

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## SCHOOL JANITORS

High School:

John Maguire, 61 Vine St. ....	Telephone: 0281-J
Percy Curtis, 161 Ash St. ....	1518-W
Mary J. Kennedy, 25 Sanborn St. ....	

Junior High School:

Fred Riessle, 10 King St. ....	1617-M
Walter Smith, 36 Temple St. ....	1445-M
Kenneth L. Beverage, 8 Morgan Park .....	1336-W
Agnes Hurley, 23 King St. ....	



### School Janitors (continued)

Highland School:

James L. Healey, 201 West St. ....	0047-M
William Ray Yorks, 16 Track Rd. ....	
Emma Tibbets, 65 Grove St. ....	1760-J

Pearl St. School:

Edward McBrien, 213 Forest St. ....	0228
Simon A. Castine, 21 Green St. ....	

Prospect St. and Chestnut Hill Schools:

Leander Smith, 193 High St. ....	1325
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Lowell St. School:

William A. Lloyd, 128 Bancroft Ave. ....	
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### SCHOOL SCHEDULE

#### January, 1944 to June, 1945, Inclusive

Winter Vacation week of	February 20, 1944
Spring Vacation week of	April 16, 1944
No sessions:	
Memorial Day	May 30, 1944
Schools close for summer	June 21, 1944
Schools open	September 6, 1944

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No sessions:

Columbus Day	October 12, 1944
Teachers' Convention	October 27, 1944
Thanksgiving Recess from noon November 29, 1944 to December 4, 1944	
Christmas Vacation from end of regular sessions December 21, 1944 to January 3, 1945	
Winter Vacation week of	February 18, 1945
Spring Vacation week of	April 15, 1945
No sessions:	
Memorial Day	May 30, 1945
Schools close for summer	June 20, 1945

## REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

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To the Citizens of the Town of Reading, the School Committee submits its annual report.

As the war progresses, we are faced not only with immediate war-time school problems, but must look ahead to the realization that soon after the end of hostilities there will be greater demands on our schools. This will be not only through increased enrollment, but there will be demands on the school for more services. At this time, with the help of the High School faculty, we are cooperating with the Post-war Planning Committee in taking care of any returning veterans who need advice as to further education, assistance in finding work, and information relative to any services due them as veterans. As the number returning increases, it will be necessary to have a full-time person for this office.

The Superintendent's report gives a full account of our transportation difficulties, changes in the present courses of study relating to war needs, and also our efforts to maintain our present teaching staff.

It is, of course, realized by the Town the great help the teaching force has been in cooperating with the Government—giving their extra time for rationing, aiding the sale of bonds and stamps, and organizing children for scrap drives.

Due to a reduction in transportation ordered by the ODT and the fact that many of the materials we had planned to buy for general maintenance were not available, we are this year returning to the Town \$7,406.86, as follows:

Salaries .....	\$1,315.72
Maintenance .....	1,790.88
Transportation .....	2,798.06
Industrial tuition .....	610.05
Lunches .....	892.15
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	\$7,406.86

For many years your Committee and Superintendent have called attention to the definite need of some action being taken regarding a new Senior High School. The present building was opened in September, 1906, and the only additions in room space have been made at the expense of corridors and assembly hall. With our present school system, it is the advice of your Committee to follow the original plan of building a new Senior High School in connection with the Junior High School. While these would operate as two units, it would be possible to consolidate some of the services, such as lunchroom, auditorium, shop, and home economics. In order for the Town to be in a position to take advantage of probable Government aid after the war, we strongly urge that money be appropriated so that working plans be immediately started. The early application for Federal Aid, with complete specifications and plans, would place this town in a most advantageous position.

In addition to a new Senior High School, the citizens should have in mind our need for new elementary schools. With the increased number of pupils each year, it is now apparent that we should carry on with plans under consideration for many years—first, a new Elementary School in place of the Prospect and Chestnut Hill schools; second, a new Elementary School for the district now served by the Lowell St. School.

We regretfully accepted the resignation of our Chairman, Mr. Ralph W. Allen, from the School Committee on October 20, 1943. Dr. Merle Wescott was appointed to fill Mr. Allen's vacancy on the Committee as of January 17, 1944.

The terms of Irving C. Austin and Bernard L. Maxwell expire this year.

Respectfully submitted,

IRVING C. AUSTIN, Chm.  
MARGARET S. CANTY  
NORMAN L. DUNCAN  
EDITH W. HOLCOMB  
BERNARD L. MAXWELL  
MERLE W. WESCOTT

# RECEIPTS NOT FROM TAX LEVY—SHOWING NET COST TO TOWN

Appropriation and Transfers 1943		Expended and Receipts 1943	
<b>General Account:</b>			
\$277,119.00	Total Expenditure .....		\$271,214.34
Receipts:			
\$ 17,800.00	State Reimbursement on Teachers .....	\$ 17,972.00	
12,500.00	Tuition .....	10,336.47	
30,450.00	Sundry .....	183.65	28,492.12
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\$246,669.00	NET COST TO TOWN .....		\$242,722.22
<b>School Lunches:</b>			
\$ 14,500.00	Receipts .....	13,702.32	
.....	Inventory .....	457.09	\$ 14,159.41
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14,500.00	Expenditures .....		13,614.45
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.....	NET COST TO TOWN .....		\$.....
.....	NET GAIN TO TOWN .....		\$ 544.96
<b>Industrial Tuition:</b>			
\$ 1,500.00	Total Expenditure .....		\$ 889.95
Receipts:			
600.00	State Reimbursement .....		725.05
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\$ 900.00	NET COST TO TOWN .....		\$ 164.90

# SCHOOL DEPARTMENT BUDGET—1943

Appro. & Transfers 1943		Expended 1943
<b>SALARIES:</b>		
\$195,054.43	Supt. and Teachers .....	\$193,738.71
2,457.50	Substitutes .....	2,457.50
22,340.60	Janitors .....	22,340.60
2,199.77	Compulsory Attendance .....	2,199.77
2,637.32	Nurse and Clerk .....	2,637.32
929.38	Medical Inspection .....	929.38
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\$225,619.00	TOTAL SALARIES .....	\$224,303.28
<b>MAINTENANCE:</b>		
<b>General Control:</b>		
\$ 678.12	Supt's Office Supplies .....	\$ 678.12
167.03	Research and Professional Study .....	167.03
358.58	Travel .....	358.58
86.80	Printing .....	86.80
377.33	Other Expenses .....	377.33
260.36	Grouard House—Operation .....	260.36
106.78	Grouard House—Maintenance .....	106.78
206.34	Grouard House—Capital Outlay .....	206.34
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\$ 2,241.34	Total General Control .....	\$ 2,241.34
<b>Instruction:</b>		
\$ 402.68	Supervision .....	\$ 402.68
308.06	Principal's Office Expense .....	308.06
2,211.77	Textbooks .....	2,211.77
1,812.14	Supplementary Books .....	1,812.14
450.34	Library .....	450.34
272.30	Commencement .....	272.30
884.91	Other Expenses .....	884.91
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\$ 14,832.77	Total Instruction Expense .....	\$ 14,832.77
<b>Operation of Plant:</b>		
\$ 2,166.51	Janitors' Supplies .....	\$ 2,166.51
8,474.95	Fuel .....	8,184.07
1,033.38	Water and Sewer .....	1,033.38
2,739.65	Electricity .....	2,739.65
301.48	Gas .....	301.48
613.57	Telephone .....	613.57
292.60	Other Expenses .....	292.60
10.00	Freight and Express .....	10.00
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\$ 15,632.14	Total Operation of Plant .....	\$ 15,341.26

## SCHOOL DEPARTMENT BUDGET—1943

### Maintenance of Plant:

\$ 1,164.57	Grounds .....	\$ 1,164.57
794.58	Buildings .....	794.58
2,903.74	Service Systems .....	1,403.74
283.26	Plumbing .....	283.26
697.22	Instructional Apparatus .....	697.22
5.10	Furniture .....	5.10
47.92	Other Expenses .....	47.92

\$ 5,896.39	Total Maintenance of Plant .....	\$ 4,396.39
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### Capital Outlay:

\$ 504.71	Alterations and Additions .....	\$ 504.71
357.22	Furniture .....	357.22
1,859.00	Instructional Apparatus .....	1,859.00
130.21	Other Outlay .....	130.21

\$ 2,851.14	Total Capital Outlay .....	\$ 2,851.14
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### Coordinate Account:

\$ 137.50	Compulsory Attendance .....	\$ 137.50
30.30	Medical Service .....	30.30
378.42	Nurse Service .....	378.42

\$ 546.22	Total Coordinate Account .....	\$ 546.22
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\$ 42,000.00	TOTAL GENERAL MAINTENANCE..	\$ 40,209.12
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\$ 9,500.00	TRANSPORTATION .....	\$ 6,701.94
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\$277,119.00	GRAND TOTAL .....	\$271,214.34
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\$ 1,500.00	INDUSTRIAL TUITION .....	\$ 889.95
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\$ 14,500.00	SCHOOL LUNCHES .....	\$ 13,614.45
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## CHANGE IN PERSONNEL—1943

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*Russell P. Taylor	High School—English	Jan.
Florence Nigro	Pearl St. School—Grade 3	Feb.
*L. Reginald A. Kibbe	Supervisor of Art	March
Charles L. Cummings	High School—Janitor	April
Dr. Charles R. Henderson	School Physician	April
Carmen Burridge	High School—French	June
Barbara Carleton	High School —English	June
Evelyn Heal	Home Teacher	June
Thomas S. Heal	High School—Physical Education	June
Grace N. Heffron	Jr. High School—English	June



### Change in Personnel—1943 (continued)

Ruth S. Lauder	Pearl Street School—Grades 1 & 2	June
Jean McKenzie	High School—Social Studies	June
Esther P. Smith	Chestnut Hill School—Grades 3 & 4	June
Arlena Strong (sub)	Highland School—Grade 4	June
Hartwell W. Blanchard	High School—Science	July
Olive S. Perry	Pearl St. School—Grade 4	July
Lois R. Markey	High School—Librarian	Aug.
Walter L. Mirey, Jr.	High School—Coach, History	Aug.
Dorothy Burgess	Highland School—Grade 3	Oct.
Lillian B. Davies	High School—Secretary	Oct.
Mary M. DeSalvo	Jr. High School—Bus. Training	Oct.
Ellen B. Miseveth	Jr. High School—Dom. Science	Nov.
Evelyn R. Shaw	Pearl St. School—Secretary	Nov.
Albert R. Studer	Jr. High School—Shop	Nov.

\*For the duration of the war emergency

#### Appointed:

Marion Brink	High School—French, English	March
Ida Johnson	High School—Cafeteria	March
Inez Woodberry	Supervisor of Art	March
Percy Curtis	High School—Janitor	April
Dr. Thomas F. Halpin	School Physician	April
Royal S. Adams	High School—Science	Sept.
Ruth Carey	Pearl St. School—Grade 1	Sept.
Beatrice Coleman	High School—History	Sept.
Cecilia P. Fitzgerald	Pearl St. School—Grade 4	Sept.
Frances Haskins	Pearl St. School—Grade 3	Sept.
Elizabeth Hussey	Pearl St. School—Grade 3	Sept.
Albert W. Kent	High School—Coach, Phys. Ed.	Sept.
Edna Lambert	Jr. High School—English	Sept.
Beth MacGregor	Pearl St. School—Special Class	Sept.
Mary E. Shay	High School—English	Sept.
Eleanor Skahill	Highland School—Grade 4	Sept.
Elizabeth Wood	Chestnut Hill School—Grades 3 & 4	Sept.
Elinor Erickson	Jr. High School—Bus. Training	Oct.
Andronike M. Houpis	Jr. High School—Music	Oct.
Warburton J. Murray	Attendance Officer	Nov.
Grace L. Gifford	Highland School—Grade 3	Nov.
Elsie Bishop	High School—Librarian	Dec.
Lois Collemmer	Jr. High School—Dom. Science	Dec.
Beulah E. Ellis	High School—Secretary	Dec.
Dorothy Walsh	Pearl St. School—Secretary	Dec.

# SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

## NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES

Class of Service	Men	Women	Total
Total Number of School Dept. Employees .....	34	87	121
<b>A. Administration</b> .....			
<b>Total</b>	4	5	9
Superintendent .....	1		1
Attendance .....	1		1
Visiting Teacher .....		1	1
Librarian .....		1	1
Directors and Supervisors .....	2	3	5
<b>B. Supervising Principals</b> .....			
<b>Total</b>	2	2	4
High School .....	1		1
Junior High School .....	1		1
Elementary Schools .....		2	2
<b>C. Teachers</b> .....			
<b>Total</b>	16	64	80
1. Regular .....	15	59	74
High School (Grades 10-12) .....	8.3	11.4	19.7
Junior High School (Grades 7-9) ....	6.7	12.6	19.3
Elementary (Grades 1-6) .....		35	35
Highland .....		12	12
Pearl .....		13	13
Prospect .....		4	4
Lowell .....		4	4
Chestnut Hill .....		2	2
2. Special .....	1	5	6
Art .....		1.5	1.5
Physical Education .....	1	1.5	2.5
Special Class .....		2	2

# **NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES (continued)**

Sum of A, B, and C .....	22	71	93	
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D. <b>School Secretaries and Health Dept.....</b> Total		8	8	
Superintendent's Office .....		3	3	
High School .....		2	2	
Junior High School .....		1	1	
Highland .....		1	1	
Pearl Street .....		1	1	
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E. <b>Health Department .....</b> Total	1	1	2	
Physician .....	1		1	
Nurse .....		1	1	
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F. <b>Janitors and Matrons</b>	Total	11	3	14
High School .....	2	1	3	
Junior High School .....	3	1	4	
Highland .....	2	1	3	
Pearl .....	2		2	
Lowell .....	1		1	
Prospect .....	.5		.5	
Chestnut Hill .....	.5		.5	
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G. <b>Cafeteria Service .....</b> Total		4	4	
High School .....		2	2	
Junior High School .....		2	2	

**TEACHERS IN SERVICE, DECEMBER 31, 1943, WHERE EDUCATED, YEAR APPOINTED**  
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High.	E. C. Grover	1939	Superintendent of Schools	Harvard, B.S.; Teachers' College; Columbia Univ., M.A.; N. Y. Univ., Ph.D.; La Sorbonne, Paris	2,340	2,109.70	1,915.12	93.66	2,166
	Ruth C. Roberts	1935	Secretary to Superintendent	Boston Univ., B.A.					
	Helen M. Pratt	1936	School Committee Clerk	Reading High School					
	Marjorie B. Batchelder	1942	Clerk	Chandler Secretarial School					
	Margaret B. Clewley	1939	School Nurse	Newton Hosp., R.N.; Simmons, Cert. Public Health Nursing; Boston Univ., Harvard					
	Evelyn M. Giles	1939	Supervisor of Music, Elementary	Boston University, Mus.B.					
	Thomas Halpin, M.D.	1943	School Physician	Boston Col., B.A.; Tufts Medical Sch., M.D.					
	Albert W. Kent	1943	Dir. Phys. Ed. and Athletics	Bowdoin Col., B.S.; Boston Univ., Univ. of Maine					
	Warburton J. Murray	1943	Attendance Officer	Suffolk Law School					
	Samuel A. W. Peck	1931	Director of Music	Boston Univ., B.A., M.A.; N. E. Conserv., Eastman School; Mozarteum Academy, Austria					
	Jean F. Ramsay	1941	Visiting Teacher	Smith College, B.A.; Columbia Univ., M.A., Univ. Stockholm and Upsala					
	Inez Woodberry	1943	Art Supervisor	Mass. School of Art, B.S.	572	502.77	455.48	90.14	497
	Rudolf Sussmann	1917	Supervising Principal	Boston Univ., B.S.Ed.; Harvard					
	Luke Halpin	1922	Asst. Prin., Math., Guidance	Bowdoin, B.A.; Boston Univ., M.A.; Harvard					
	Myrtle W. Tilton	1926	Secretary	Reading High School					
	Beulah E. Ellis	1943	Clerk	Reading High School					
	Royal S. Adams	1943	Science, Math.	Bates Col., B.S.; Harvard, Boston Univ.					
	Elizabeth A. Batchelder	1916	Com'l Eng., Guidance	Salem Normal; Boston Univ., B.S.Ed.; Harvard					
	Elsie Bishop	1943	Librarian	Colby College, B.A.; Simmons, B.L.S.					
	Marion Brink	1943	French, English	Radcliffe College, B.A., M.A., M.A.					
	Cathleen Burns	1942	Eng., Span., Dramatics	Smith Col., B.A.; Boston Univ., M.A.					
	Beatrice Coleman	1943	History	Radcliffe College, B.A.; Univ. of Vt.					
	Alberta F. Drury	1917	Bookkeeping, Bus. Law, Arith.	Posse Normal, Salem Normal, Boston Univ.					
	Irving P. Erickson	1942	Math., Aeronautics, Science	Clark Univ., B.A., M.A.					
	Joseph F. Fitzgerald	1929	Mathematics	Boston College, B.A., M.A.; Boston Univ.					
	Mildred Holden	1942	Latin, English	Boston College, B.A., M.A.; Boston Univ.					
	Svea W. Kling	1940	Shorthand, Typewriting, Bus. Eng.	Mt. Holyoke Col., B.A.					
	Florence G. Nichols	1929	Phys. Ed.—High and Elem.	Burdett Col., Boston Univ., B.A.					
	Victor E. Pikin	1933	Social Studies	Sargent School; Boston Univ., B.S.Ed., M.I.T.					
	Frederick J. Pope	1922	Chemistry, Physics	Clark Univ., B.A., M.A.; Harvard; Boston Univ.					
	Jeanette B. Read	1941	English, German	Colby, B.S.; Harvard, M.Ed.					
	Mary E. Shay	1943	English	Smith Col., B.A.; Boston Univ., M.A.					
	Helen B. Stanwood	1937	Shorthand, Typewriting	Regis College, B.A.; Harvard					
	Hermon T. Wheeler	1924	Occup., World Geography	Salem Teachers Col., B.S.Ed.; Boston Univ., M.C.S.; Harvard					
				Mass. State College, B.S.; Harvard					

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High Jr. High.....	Helen R. Zimmermann.....	1937	Biology.....	Wellesley, B.A.; Purdue Univ., M.S., Ph.D.				
	Robert F. Perry.....	1935	Supervising Principal.....	U.S. Naval Academy, B.S.; N. H. Univ.; Columbia Univ.	542	459.62	90.81	516
	William A. Rich.....	1928	Asst. Prin. Mathematics.....	Salem Normal, Boston Univ., B.S. Ed., M.A.				
	Natalie Cate.....	1935	Secretary.....	Reading High School.....				
	Beverly Alexander.....	1942	English.....	Radcliffe Col., B.A.; Univ. of Vt., Hyannis T. C.				
	Dorothy A. Allard.....	1927	English.....	Salem Normal, Boston Univ., B.S. Ed.				
	Helen B. Bean.....	1931	English.....	Wellesley, B.A.; Columbia U., C.C.N.Y.; B. U.				
	Harriet S. Beattie.....	1936	Art.....	Mass. School of Art., S. Ed.				
	Lois Collemier.....	1943	Home Economics.....	Franklinham T. C., B.S. Ed.				
	Marian D. Day.....	1925	Science.....	Beverly High School, Bates Col., M.I.T., Harv.				
	Elinor Erickson.....	1943	Business Tr.....	Mass. State Col., B.S.; Clark Univ., M.A.				
	Grace M. Harriman.....	1928	Social Studies.....	Radcliffe, B.A.; Harvard, M.Ed.; Stanford U.				
	Walter E. Hawkes.....	1933	Physical Education, Hygiene.....	Springfield Col., B.S.				
	Genevieve P. Hook.....	1931	Latin, English, French.....	Univ. of Vermont, B.A.; Radcliffe, M.A.				
	Andronike M. Houpis.....	1943	Music.....	Lowell T. C., B.S.; A. I. N. M.				
	Louise B. Jenkins.....	1929	Social Studies.....	Bridgewater Normal, Boston Univ., B.S. Ed.; Harvard				
	Wallace Knowlton, Jr.....	1942	Social Studies.....	Springfield Col., B.S.; Columbia Univ., M.A.				
	Edna Lambert.....	1943	English.....	Lowell T. C., B.S.E.; Boston Univ., Tufts Col.				
	Inez H. Lewis.....	1923	Mathematics.....	Gorham Normal; Boston Univ.				
Ugland.....	Roderick E. MacDonald.....	1937	Shop.....	Fitchburg Teachers' College, B.S. Ed.				
	Clifford R. Nelson.....	1937	General Science.....	Boston Univ., B.S. Ed.				
	Anna Reek.....	1928	Mathematics.....	Radcliffe, B.A.; Boston Univ.				
	Neil C. Robinson.....	1936	Social Studies.....	Mass. State Col., B.S.; Boston Univ., M.Ed.; Harvard				
	Margaret E. Tyacke.....	1926	Physical Education, Hygiene.....	Harvard Summer School, Boston Univ.				
	Frederick Wailes.....	1942	Shop.....	Fitchburg Teachers' Col., B.S. Ed.				
	Helen A. Walker.....	1941	Household Arts.....	Framingham Teachers' College, B.S. Ed.				
	Albert H. Woodward.....	1941	Mathematics, Social Studies.....	Amherst Col., B.A.; Boston Univ., M.Ed.				
	Elizabeth Graham.....	1941	Supervising Principal.....	Framingham Normal, Boston Univ., B.S. Ed., M.Ed.; Harvard Univ.	386	326.96	90.75	358
	Alice L. Arsenault.....	1933	Secretary.....	Reading High School.....				
	Lillian F. Brann.....	1930	Grade 5.....	Framingham Normal, Boston Univ.	26	22.04	91.57	20
	Jean M. Butters.....	1936	Grade 5.....	Salem Teachers' Col., B.S.E.; Boston Univ.	33	29.01	92.54	29
	Dorothy L. Cronin.....	1933	Grade 2.....	Lowell Teachers' Col., B.S.E.; Boston Univ.	34	28.61	88.85	29
	R. Hilka Gaffney.....	1941	Grade 6.....	Boston Univ., B.S. Ed.	34	32.14	29.69	36
	Matilda J. Gamble.....	1920	Grade 5.....	Woburn High School, Boston Univ.	37	32.92	92.82	30
	Grace Gifford.....	1943	Grade 3.....	Wheelock School Boston Univ.	30	23.12	89.13	29



# TEACHERS IN SERVICE, DECEMBER 31, 1943, WHERE EDUCATED, YEAR APPOINTED—Concluded

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School	Name of Teacher	Year Appointed	Grade or Subjects Taught	Educational Preparation	Total Membership	Average Membership	Average Attendance	Per cent of Attendance	Enrollment Oct. 1, 1943
Highland .....	Olive L. Joney .....	1933	Grade 6 .....	Worcester Teachers' Col. B.S.Ed.; Univ. of Colo.; Clark Univ.; Boston Univ., M.Ed.	26	24.86	21.93	88.23	22
	Edythe M. McQuaide .....	1940	Grade 6 .....	Lowell Teachers' Col., B.S.Ed.; Tufts Col.	34	32.98	30.77	93.31	37
	Eleanor A. Miller .....	1942	Grade 1 .....	Vassar College, B.A.; Boston Univ., M.Ed.	34	30.99	27.39	88.41	40
	Eugene A. Potter .....	1926	Grade 5 .....	Plymouth Normal, Boston Univ.	36	32.51	29.91	91.99	29
	Eleanor Stahil .....	1943	Grade 4 .....	Bridgewater Teachers' Col., B.S.Ed.	33	31.81	27.95	87.88	27
	Florence V. Thackelberry .....	1931	Grade 6 .....	Plymouth Normal, Boston Univ.	29	28.27	25.99	91.93	30
	Maud E. Adlington .....	1936	Supervising Principal .....	Simmons, Boston Univ., Harvard	498	424.86	384.23	90.30	454
	Dorothy Walsh .....	1943	Secretary .....	Reading High School .....					
	Elsa Anderson .....	1942	Grade 6 .....	Hyannis Teachers' Col., B.S.Ed.	30	25.89	24.31	93.90	26
	Marjorie H. Buckle .....	1927	Grade 4 .....	Posse-Nissen, Hyannis T. C., B.S.Ed.; Boston Univ.	38	36.42	33.11	91.24	38
	Ruth Carey .....	1943	Grade 1 .....	Boston Univ., B.S.Ed.	16	12.88	11.62	90.23	24
	Genna A. Dow .....	1919	Grade 2 .....	Hyannis Normal, Emerson Col., Columbia Univ., Boston Univ.	40	30.92	28.79	92.98	37
	Marian E. Drew .....	1941	Grade 6 .....	Aroostook State Normal, Boston Univ., B.S.Ed.; Harvard .....	38	33.64	31.28	92.98	37
	Cecilia P. Fitzgerald .....	1943	Grade 4 .....	Lowell Normal, Boston Univ.	33	32.54	29.68	92.98	34
Pearl Street .....	Carolyn C. Grace .....	1919	Grade 5 .....	North Adams Normal, Boston Univ., Hyannis T. C.	26	22.70	20.70	89.35	27
	Frances Haskins .....	1943	Grade 3 .....	Aroostook State Normal .....	44	39.59	35.65	90.05	38
	Veina E. Herrick .....	1927	Grade 1 .....	Perry Kindergarten Sch., Boston Univ., Tufts Col.	42	34.06	29.81	87.40	32
	Elizabeth Hussey .....	1943	Grade 3 .....	Framingham Normal, Harvard Col., Columbia Univ., Boston Univ.	36	30.99	27.93	90.28	32
	Beth MacGregor .....	1943	Special Class .....	Salem Teachers' Col., B.S.Ed.					
	Aberia R. Mathieson .....	1924	Grade 2 .....	Salem Normal, Boston Univ.	35	25.58	22.56	88.19	17
	Mary W. Moore .....	1941	Grade 5 .....	Provincial Normal, Boston Univ., B.S.Ed.	45	34.34	31.59	91.97	28
	Heien Newhall .....	1940	Grade 1 .....	Boston Univ., B.S.Ed.; Harvard, Tufts Col.	37	33.24	29.06	87.46	34
	Helen D. Stockwell .....	1930	Special Class .....	Salem Normal, Boston Univ.	45	38.36	34.24	87.46	33
	Nellie P. Beaton .....	1920	Grade 4, Principal .....	Danvers High School, Hyannis Teachers' Col., Boston Univ.	23	18.36	16.12	87.83	17
Lowell Street .....	Isabel W. Carley .....	1928	Grade 3 .....	Salem Normal, Penn. State Col.	33	31.27	28.47	91.06	32
	Jessie L. Goddard .....	1926	Grade 2 .....	Bridgewater Normal, Boston Univ.	33	32.10	29.47	91.63	34
	Elois Godfrey .....	1937	Grade 1 .....	Bridgewater Teachers' College, B.S.Ed.	23	22.37	20.90	93.45	31
	Ada E. Dory .....	1909	Grade 3, Principal .....	Lowell Normal, Emerson Col., Boston Univ.	34	33.38	30.16	90.36	34
	Alice D. Berry .....	1927	Grade 1 .....	Bridgewater Normal, Boston Univ.	35	30.65	28.44	92.69	28
Prospect St. ....	Alice D. Berry .....	1927	Grade 1 .....	Bridgewater Normal, Boston Univ.	43	37.61	32.93	87.49	45
	Doris R. Cleary .....	1927	Grade 2 .....	Salem Normal, Univ. of Maine, Hyannis Teachers' College, Mass. Univ. Ext.					
	Helena Markham .....	1934	Grade 4 .....	Framingham Normal, Boston Univ.	36	31.90	28.70	90.04	34
Chestnut Hill .....	Irene Royce .....	1928	Grades 1 and 2, Principal .....	Aroostook State Normal, Boston Univ.	36	31.64	29.25	92.47	31
	Elizabeth Wood .....	1943	Grades 3 and 4 .....	Bridgewater Teachers' College, B.S.Ed.	29	27.33	25.60	91.96	35
					40	37.88	34.91	92.32	37



## REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS, 1943

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To the School Committee,  
Reading, Massachusetts

Miss Canty, Mrs. Holcomb, and Gentlemen:

Herewith please find my fifth annual report as Superintendent of Schools, which is the fifty-first of a series of annual reports relative to the work of the Public Schools of Reading.

At no time in the last twenty-five years has the school system struggled with so many problems.

### THE SCHOOLS IN TIME OF WAR

In spite of extra requirements due to the war, the teaching staff has preserved the high standards of the past while at the same time enriching the pupils' background by the materials incident to the war effort. The High School, in particular, has recognized that for many students their present program contains the only general education they may ever receive. The faculty has, therefore, placed considerable emphasis upon fundamental knowledge and basic skills.

#### War Effort Added to High School Program

Following information and advice from the Office of Education and suggestions from leaders in the armed forces, the High School has given emphasis to the following objectives:

1. The understanding of the purposes for which we are fighting this war.
2. Knowledge concerning organization of the armed forces, and the opportunities various branches offer boys of special ability and skills.
3. Becoming proficient in the use of those fundamental skills upon which advancement in the armed forces is basically dependent. This means extra stress upon effective thinking, clear and accurate composition, intelligent, rapid, and accurate reading, ability to observe accurately, and to understand directions to meet a given objective.
4. Learning technical skills which the Army suggests and which the High School has been able to offer. These skills include a thorough and complete course in mathematics, basic sciences including physics and chemistry, elementary aeronautics, radio work as found in the Signal Corps, drafting, machine shop work, and auto and airplane engine repair.
5. Becoming physically fit by means of specialized physical training courses for the development of body strength and rapid bodily action.

The Social Studies Department offered for the first time a course in world history which covered South American affairs, a modern view of the place of China and India in the world perspective, and an appreciation of the underlying causes of the conflict between the Allied and Axis countries. A course in world geography was also developed to help the High School students understand the significance of the global inter-relations of people in the rapidly developing air-age world.

Modern language courses have emphasized oral language, and interest in foreign tongues has been increased by the use of periodicals and papers printed in the foreign language.

### **High School Students In The War**

By the end of the year, 325 former Reading students had joined the armed forces. Of these eight have made the supreme sacrifice by giving their lives for their Country.

During the year three of the High School teachers joined the armed forces. Mr. Russell P. Taylor was commissioned in the Signal Corps, Mr. L. Reginald Kibbee joined the Seabees, and Mr. Thomas Heal was inducted into the Army.

The name of Henry G. Ingersoll, Jr., a former teacher and coach in the High School who lost his life heroically in the Aleutian Island campaign, should be added as a tribute to his inspirational leadership of our High School youth in the classroom and upon the athletic field.

Due to the reduction in the enrollment of the High School because of students joining the armed forces and working in defense industries, the number of faculty members was reduced by two. This reduction was accomplished by appointing five teachers to the seven vacancies that occurred during the year.

The High School has continued selling war stamps and bonds. Throughout the year the purchase of war stamps and bonds amounted to \$4248.10. During the fall a special drive was organized resulting in the purchase of an Army ambulance. The total sale of war stamps and bonds for this purpose amounted to \$1750 which was \$260 in excess of the objective.

Examinations for V-12 to admit students to the Army and Navy on special ratings were held in the High School. Fifteen pupils took these examinations. The report of the examining officers rated the Reading students very high in the results of these tests.

The value of the Raymond Memorial Library is increasing each year. During 1943, five hundred volumes were added to the Library.

### **Junior High School Education**

The Junior High School enrollment has remained the same as last year. The number of pupils enrolled December 1, 1943 was 518 as against

516 a year ago. Business training, Latin, and shop continue to be the most popular elective subjects in the eighth grade. Of the 160 pupils in the eighth grade, 46 have elected Latin, 64 business training, and 51 shop; only 18 French, and 8 home economics. Among the ninth grade courses business training continues to be the most popular, with an enrollment of 68 students; 55 take general science; 48 music; 43 home economics; 41 art; 36 Latin; 35 shop. In the ninth grade, not enough students wanted to take French to make it possible to organize a class.

During the fall the services of an additional teacher was secured to offer music to the same extent as it is offered in many other outstanding junior high school organizations. This move seemed desirable for the following reasons:

1. The growing interest in vocal and instrumental music in the elementary grades.
2. The desirability of extending the program of music in the High School.
3. To put music on a parity with other experiences on the junior high school level.

The Junior High School has carried out a thorough checking of the achievement of pupils by using standardized tests. These tests have shown that our Junior High School pupils have more than average general ability and that they exceeded the test standards, particularly in their reading ability, language use, arithmetical computation, literature, social studies, and science. The grade averages in arithmetical reasoning and spelling fell a little short of the published standards of the tests.

The faculty of the school worked out a plan to meet these two weaknesses. During the year remedial classes were formed to meet between 2:30 and 3:30 to give individual help to pupils who were not doing work up to grade. The arithmetic teachers met with the sixth grade teachers in a committee, under the leadership of the Assistant Principal, to study the content of the arithmetic work, to eliminate duplicate and unnecessary subjects so that additional time and effort might be placed on the fundamental processes.

The student council is the heart of any well regulated school. In our Junior High School it serves an important place in the school administration. Among its various activities the most important are as follows:

1. Sponsoring a successful bond and stamp selling campaign in connection with the Treasury Department's plans, which raised sufficient funds to purchase three "Jeeps."
2. Sponsoring and managing all social activities of the school such as parties, dances, special activities, and the like.

3. Organizing and managing a series of penny movie programs which are run during the lunch periods during the winter months.
4. Initiating a school organization to take care of the cleanliness of the school grounds.
5. Organizing a rubber and overshoe pool.
6. Assisting in improving conditions on the school bus.
7. Conducting an excellent school election for the selection of all school and grade officers.

The English teachers made a thorough study of textbooks last year in order to improve teaching and to bring to the students more modern material. As a result the Daily Life Language series replaced the older Tressler texts.

The Junior High School has felt an increasing need for specialized work in guidance beyond its well organized homeroom guidance activities. The need was felt especially with relation to the ninth grade boys and girls who may have to participate in the war effort. The plan of such guidance was worked out this fall and part of one teacher's time was assigned for this purpose.

During the year the Junior High School had opportunity to hear about and participate in various school projects. Among these were lectures given by the Extension Service of the Museum of Fine Arts and the viewing of exhibits sent out by the Museum; a series of talks and demonstrations on popular science by a science teacher; assistance given to the Head of the Shop Department in building the World War II Memorial Honor Roll; and staging of a successful Minstrel Show, Variety Show, and Christmas Music Festival.

Increasing interest has been developed in the fall program of physical education for boys. This has included instruction in football and participation in intra-mural games. The High School is now definitely feeling the advantages of the increased emphasis on physical education a few years ago in the Junior High School.

#### **Elementary Schools at Work**

All the Elementary Schools have taken advantage of the war crisis to develop an increased appreciation of civic training. Each school has had its own student organization which has been active in helping to keep lawns free from paper, distributing morning milk to the various rooms, providing monitors for corridors and entrances, acting as hostesses at the lunch periods, attending to the shrubbery about the school, and especially in sponsoring the sale of war stamps and bonds.

Some of the interesting developments in Elementary Schools may be listed as follows:

1. A development of an excellent program of elementary science in the second grade of the Prospect St. School. This program included learning a great deal about plants, weather, animals, climate and the like.

2. School newspaper at the Pearl Street School. One of the sixth grades took entire charge of publishing the school paper. Material was contributed by all the classes. It was edited and made up by the pupils themselves.

3. Supervisory meetings with the Supervisor of Art have contributed greatly to the development of effective methods in this department. Under the direction of the Supervisor, the teachers are instructing pupils to express themselves through art with excellent results.

4. Music in the Elementary School has gone ahead steadily. The elementary choruses and glee clubs are doing excellent work. These activities have been aided considerably by a consistent plan of classroom music instruction covering the last four years.

The Elementary Schools have given general achievement tests and tests of general ability at various times during the year. The Pintner-Cunningham Test was given in the first grade, the National Intelligence Test in the second grade, The Riley Test in the third grade, and the Terman Test in the sixth grade.

Out of 160 first grade pupils tested, the probable learning rate varied from that of a child 4 years 1 month old to one 9 years 9 months old. This shows the range of ability to learn of pupils in the first grade and indicates the problem facing our teachers to meet the different individual needs of pupils in our schools.

A similar situation was indicated by the results of the sixth grade general ability tests given last March. Here the low score was equivalent to the probable learning rate of a student 11 years old and two months, and high score equivalent to one 16 years old and 10 months. The average, which was equivalent to the learning rate of students 12 years old and 8 months, was one-half year or six months above the actual average age for sixth graders. The results of tests in reading, arithmetic, and social studies show our pupils were achieving better work than the average published scores on the tests indicated.

Highland School was fortunate enough to receive a large number of books for a library which was dedicated to Miss M. Grace Wakefield, former Principal of the school. This memorial library has made a great difference in the school. It is used throughout the day for both reading and study. Teachers are in charge of the room for short periods during the day. The library started with an initial number of 700 supplementary books to which many have been added during this year.



The Reading Public Library cooperated with the school by lending it 500 additional books at various intervals throughout the year. It also furnished the services of a specialist in children's literature.

The Reading Schools have been fortunate to supplement its instruction in the classroom by excellent visual material. Through the moving picture, strip film, stereoptican material, and the projection of pupil-made charts and pictures by our opaque projectors, pupils have obtained a richer background with which to understand their school work.

Use of moving picture films and distribution of other materials has been worked out in an excellent way by the Director of Visual Education, Miss Dorothy Allard. Added to this service, Miss Allard has organized a group of ten lectures covering all phases of visual education. This course has been offered free to the teachers in the Reading Schools.

The Office of Defense Transportation required us to revise our transportation system for schools. Because of the restriction on the use of gasoline and automobile tires, the Government reduced the use of school busses. To meet this situation, it was necessary to make a complete revision of our school transportation schedule. Permission to receive bus passes was limited to pupils living two miles or more from schools, though additional pupils might be included provided they lived along the route of the bus and that the limit of the bus capacity was not exceeded. It was further necessary to omit the transportation from school to home and return at the noon hour. To keep a large number of children at the school building to eat lunches at noon, it was found desirable to shorten the noon hour by 30 minutes, the afternoon session beginning at one o'clock rather than one-thirty. Both Highland and Pearl Street schools organized their teaching staffs so that this lunch period could be as profitable as possible for the pupils involved. In Pearl Street School about 200 pupils stayed on an average; at Highland School about 65. Tables were constructed in both schools and a regular routine of lunch period procedure was inaugurated. After the lunch period was over, the teachers on duty supervised the playground activity of the pupils who remained for lunch. This fall it was possible for the School Committee to get a temporary certificate for an additional bus to be run during the winter months. This bus permitted some of the pupils from the south side of the Town to be transported to Highland and to Pearl Street schools. In assigning pupils to this supplementary bus, preference was given to the children in the first two grades over those in the third and fourth grades. Some pupils in the fifth grade were transported, but it was found impossible to add the sixth grade pupils to this list. The supplementary bus will be discontinued on April 1, 1944.



## REPORT OF MUSIC DIRECTOR

Some progress has been made in instrumental music in the High School, and a Boys' Glee Club and a Girls' Glee Club added to the High School program. The temporary sound-proofing of the doors on the Music Room has helped some in keeping the sounds of the instruments confined to the Music Room, though there is a definite need of complete sound-proofing of the interior of the room. The purchase of phonograph records for music appreciation has aided the program.

In the Elementary Schools the Music Supervisor has given 5 of the 6 Seashore Tests to all the fifth and sixth grade pupils. These tests included evaluating a pupil's sense of pitch; sense of intensity; sense of consonance, tonal memory; and sense of rhythm.

The scores of these tests show the following results:

Number of pupils getting better than average scores on five

### Seashore Tests

		Pitch				Intensity				Consonance				Tonal Memory				Rhythm			
Gr.	No.	No.	%	above	ab.	No.	%	above	ab.	No.	%	above	ab.	No.	%	above	ab.	No.	%	above	ab.
		ave.	ave.			ave.	ave.			ave.	ave.			ave.	ave.			ave.	ave.		
5	158	63	40	159	93	59	157	71	45	152	41	37	149	82	55						
6	176	106	60	174	101	58	178	75	42	172	60	35	172	107	62						

These scores mean that the pupils in grades five and six have normal musical ability, and in the sixth grade a majority have better than average musical talent, as evident by the 60% above-average score in the sense of pitch and 62% above-average in the sense of rhythm.

Pupils ranged from 0 to 100% on their results in each test. The important outcome of the testing was finding out those individual children who had musical ability and had not been aware of it. The score which these pupils made has helped the Music Supervisor give advice to parents whether or not to arrange for, or continue, instrumental music instruction for their children; and what instruments individual children would find profitable to take up.

Any parent wishing to find out the individual scores of her boy or girl, and to get advice concerning his or her musical ability, should consult the Elementary School Music Supervisor.

## ART INSTRUCTION

During the past year the Supervisor of Art has given emphasis to opportunity for children to express their own ideas with art material. Her work is based upon the idea that art is not a specialized skilled subject, designed for the talented pupil, but can properly enrich the enjoyment of all through release or expression in whatever materials the pupils may desire to use. The art program is planned to develop this natural expression of the pupils.

The Art Supervisor has expressed her aims for the year as providing through material of instruction, a self-expression on the part of pupils in the many activities which the school provides. These include decoration for school events, working on posters, outdoor sketching, murals, field trips, exhibits from art museums, lectures by outside people, lantern slides, window displays, and the organization of child exhibits.

## HEALTH

During the school year the health program has progressed admirably under the direction of the School Nurse. She is constantly in the schools checking diseases, answering emergency calls, and planning examinations for children, besides organizing the various clinics which are held in the Reading schools.

Besides this work, the School Nurse made 382 home visits. The School Nurse's day begins at eight o'clock and continues many times without interruption until five or six o'clock at night.

This year a survey was carried on by the School Nurse in cooperation with the dentists of the Town. The plan was to examine the teeth of all children in the schools. Obviously this could not be completed in one year, especially when such a shortage of dentists exists. Each dentist gave a dental examination free of charge to every child who came to him accompanied by the parent or some responsible older person, and who presented to him a blue dental examination card. On this card the dentists check the following items:

No dental defects.

Dental defects which were present have been cared for.

Dental defects present.

Treatment has been started and definite appointments made to assure the correction of all defects.

Treatment is needed, but no provision is made for it.

When these cards were returned, a letter was sent to the parents following up the examination. Each teacher was then furnished with a copy of the latest manual on dental health, from which the classroom teacher gave lessons on the care of teeth, periodic visits to dentists, and

general supervision at home to preserve dental health. The School Nurse has summarized the results of this survey as follows:

Number of cards given out to pupils .....	460
Number of cards returned .....	371
Number of children having no defects .....	182
Number of children requiring treatment .....	189
Number of children actually received treatment from dentist .....	162

This gives 85% of the number of pupils who required dental treatment as having actually received this treatment.

Appreciation should be given to the dentists of Reading for their coöperation in the valuable survey and the help which they have given in treating children's teeth at a time when it would probably cut down the more serious dental troubles which would have occurred had the treatment not been given or the condition diagnosed.

There still remains a need for more appreciation and support of the Dental Clinic held in the Superintendent's office two days a week.

The Chadwick Tuberculosis Clinic which is held by the State was very successful. At its meeting last February, test X-rays of all the children who had been followed annually were checked at that time. There were 21 children attending this Clinic.

At the Pre-School Registration in March, 231 children attended the clinic, and as a result a definite increase in the percentage of children entering school with remedial defects corrected occurred.

The School Nurse held the annual diphtheria immunization clinic last year. One hundred and thirty children were immunized at that time.

This last year, because of the shortage of doctors, we were unable to give the annual physical examination to all the pupils in the schools. A plan was worked out with the School Nurse and School Physician to examine the pupils in Grades 1-3-6-9-12, and those who were engaged in active sports. In addition to this, examination of feet was made for all children following the new law passed last year by the General Court.

By December the pupils of the twelfth and ninth grades had had complete physical examinations. An analysis of the defects found and the number of pupils having each defect is given below:

	Junior High	Senior High	Total
Number of pupils examined .....	145	154	299
Number of pupils with reported defects	110	68	178
Defects Noted:			
Nutrition .....	3	1	4
Posture .....	73	8	81
Skin .....	25	10	35
Teeth .....	28	11	39
Nose .....	1	2	3
Cervical glands .....	2	3	5
Thyroid glands .....	0	1	1
Heart .....	4	4	8
Feet .....	51	37	88
Spine defects-Posture .....	5	2	7
Spine defects-congenital .....	1	0	1
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Total defects .....	193	79	272

Attention is drawn to the large number of posture, skin, teeth, and feet defects found among the Junior High School pupils examined. To meet this situation, the School Nurse has developed a Reading School Posture Program which is similar to the program in operation once in the schools and which she advises reinstituting as soon as possible. Last year there was an abnormally large number of cases of rheumatic fever which have evidently been well treated. The pupils having this difficulty are no longer confined to their beds.

Because of the increased amount of sickness last year and the interruption of continued child care in many homes due to working parents, the School Nurse has had an extremely large burden carrying out the health program. She has already suggested a plan for the development of a central health committee in the schools to bring in the aid of the teachers.

### THE WORK OF THE VISITING TEACHER

During the past year the Visiting Teacher has made 516 home contacts and conference appointments in her program of working out with parents, teachers, and pupils, the special problems of maladjustment, whether in the school or in the home.

Very often the readjustment of a pupil, or parent and pupil, takes a number of visits during which there must be built up a confidence in the Visiting Teacher's advice to all. Much time must be devoted to each individual case. The objectives of the Visiting Teacher's program this year have been as follows:

1. To develop in every adult with whom the child has relations an appreciation and understanding of the methods which are most liable to bring about an adjustment of his problems.
2. To help parents realize that the most important thing in the life of their children is the kind of attitude developing in the home, of parents for child and child for parents, and that these attitudes are more important than comfortable surroundings and other material values. In working with child difficulties in school, an appreciation of the positive and constructive attitudes of the teacher, and the importance of the parents' attitudes toward the school are all necessary to bring about a complete understanding of the problems.

Working along this way the Visiting Teacher has come to what may be called "results" in specific cases she has handled since September, 1943. A tabulation of the number of pupils affected is given after the classification of each result.

Definitely happier child .....	8
Improved adjustment in class room .....	9
Better cooperation from home .....	17
Better understanding on the part of parents .....	31
Better understanding on part of teacher .....	7
Increased responsibility on part of pupil for his own adjustment .....	22
Cooperation with outside agencies .....	12

This work, to be sure, is not new to the Reading schools as one may check by reading the reports of ten to fifteen years ago written by Mrs. Abigail Mingo and Mrs. Josephine Fowler. These reports describe interesting cases and the work of a home visitor and social worker, much like the work of the present visitor.

Due to the large increase on the demands of the School Visitor's time, it was found necessary to obtain assistance in her work, especially that part of it involved in checking absences and truancy. We were fortunate to obtain the service of Mr. Warburton Murray who has had a considerable background in legal study.

### **STUDENTS PURCHASE WAR STAMPS AND BONDS**

During the year, each school has been active in sponsoring war stamp sales and bond drives. Stamp sales have been scheduled each week and special drives were staged at frequent intervals.

The Reading school students have made an enviable record by contributing generously to the purchase of stamps and bonds. This record may be summarized as follows: The High School purchased \$4,248.10 worth of war stamps and bonds and received the citation from the Gov-



ernment for credit of purchasing a field ambulance. Besides this, the High School also purchased one jeep. The Junior High School purchased \$5,100.00 worth of stamps and three jeeps. Highland's record showed the purchase of \$5,544.05 worth of stamps and bonds and also three jeeps. Pearl St. School contributed \$4,497.00 and money for two jeeps. Pearl St. School was also cited by the Government for the purchase of a field ambulance. Prospect St. School purchased \$1,651.30 worth of war stamps and bonds and Lowell St. School \$2,507.30 and one jeep. Chestnut Hill School contributed the amount of \$1,411.00 for the purchase of war stamps. The total contributions of school pupils amount to \$24,958.75, ten jeeps, and two field ambulances.

The Junior High School, Highland School, and the Lowell St. and Chestnut Hill schools each flew the Minute Man Flag as evidence that 90% or more of their pupils were contributing regularly to the purchase of war stamps.

### **INCREASE IN WORKING PERMITS**

The number of working permits issued this year totalled 568 over against 517 last year. The most noticeable change was the increase in the number of girls over 16 applying for permits this year, which showed 308 girls against 180 last year, and the decrease in the number of boys over 16, which was 318 in 1942 against 201 in 1943.

### **SUPERVISORY STAFF MEETINGS**

Under the direction of the Superintendent of Schools, monthly supervisory staff meetings have been held with principals, supervisors, and teachers especially interested in the topic at hand. These meetings have been scheduled for 7:30 at the School Committee Offices.

The following discussions were developed:

1. The work of the Visiting Teacher.
2. A better understanding of pupil behavior and discipline.
3. Evaluating pupil progress.

### **FUNDAMENTAL PROBLEMS FACING THE SCHOOLS**

During the school year, Superintendent, Principals, and faculties, struggled with various problems within the school system which have taken a great deal of time and energy. Some of these are due to the difficulties in running a school system during a period of world crisis. Others are due to needs which have long been felt.

#### **Retention of High Standards**

With the many demands on the time and efforts of teachers and pupils in cooperating in war projects, such as scrap drives, rationing, special war programs, and the like, there is a possibility of relinquishing



some of the standards of our work which were held to during peacetime. The teachers, however, have met this situation and have incorporated into the courses of study, materials suggested by the Government, constant discussion of the significance of the world situation politically, economically, and militarily, and have used interest in these things to heighten the attainment of pupils in such requirements. This has been done in face of the fact that teachers have been constantly under personal strain. This strain has not only been due to their concern for relatives and friends participating in the war—and the desire to participate in it more actively themselves—but also to anxiety in meeting their own obligations and continuing their chosen work.

### **Retention of a Teaching Corps**

Fundamental to the kind of service education can render in a community, is the quality of the teachers in the schools. Reading has been fortunate to have instructors carefully chosen for their ability to develop the work of pupils to a high standard. Continuity of this instruction is vital to the service the school system renders the Town. War has necessarily disrupted this continuity, but the numbers of teachers leaving Reading in the last two years to accept higher paid positions in larger school systems has disrupted it more.

This has been particularly true in the High School. In 1942, twelve out of 25 teachers left the High School. This was a turnover of over 48% in one year. Three teachers left for better positions; five joined the armed forces; two were married; and two resigned for other reasons.

In 1943, when the faculty was reduced to 23 teachers, ten left, making a turnover of 43% in that year. Of these ten, five left for better positions; three joined the armed forces; two left to be married. In the last two years, therefore, 22 teachers left the High School faculty, representing a turnover of 46%. This has been a handicap which only constant and careful study and work on the part of principals and department heads have been able to overcome.

In the Junior High School, one teacher left for a better position in 1942, and in 1943, two left for the same reason. Two left to be married. At Highland School, one left for a better position in 1942, and one in 1943. In 1942 also another teacher left for another reason. At Pearl Street School, three left in 1942 and four in 1943. Four of these seven teachers gave reasons of marriage for their leaving, one for a better position, one died, and one left for other reasons. In Chestnut Hill School, we lost one of our most experienced teachers to take a position in a larger town. This gives us a total of 16 teachers in the last two years leaving for better paid positions; eight to join the armed forces;

ten to be married; and five for other reasons. Two have died. No school system can long serve to its best capacity when it has a turnover of 40% of its personnel in two years.

Loss of good teachers, however, is not confined to Reading, and a knowledge of this makes the future look a little darker. Since December 7, 1941, 200,000 teachers have left their classrooms throughout the Country, and the normal schools have dropped off 60% of their enrollments. Last year, the struggle for teachers in towns of 2500 to 5000 population was unprecedented. It has been reported that over 2000 schools had to close because the school authorities were unable to obtain teachers. It is possible that a similar condition may strike towns the size of Reading next year.

These figures have been given to show the citizens of Reading the actual condition facing the continuity of instruction in our schools, and the need to make teaching in Reading sufficiently attractive financially to retain our excellent teaching corps. The School Committee and the Town have shown appreciation of the financial burden which teachers have had to meet by making possible temporary adjustments on their basic salaries. But this alone will not guarantee the retention of our personnel, particularly since other towns and cities are entering into such keen competition for teachers' services. It is recommended that a thorough study of the salary schedule be undertaken with a view to making teaching positions in Reading more attractive. Such a study leading to a revised schedule would do much to give our teachers a feeling of professional permanency and security. The conclusions must, of course, be within the Town's ability to support.

#### **Urgent Need for Better High School Facilities**

During the present war crisis, the Reading High School has not been able to meet the demands placed upon it to train youth for the armed forces, as it could have met them had its facilities been better. Only half the pupils in the High School can take advantage of the physical education development, so needed in pre-induction training. The High School had not developed Vocational Education to the place where it could take advantage of Federal funds to purchase machines to train our youth for advanced pre-induction instruction. The High School has confined itself, however, to those things it could do well, that is, the academic subjects. In order that our young people may take full advantage of training in a large number of fields, increased facilities must be planned for as soon as possible.

If the increase in school population in Reading after World War I indicates to any extent a like increase after the present World War,

planning for a new High School with adequate facilities should begin immediately.

In the report of the Superintendent of Schools in 1921, on page 245, will be found the following illuminating sentence: "The High School in 1921 is about one-third larger than it was in 1918." This was a period of three years. A corresponding period from 1942 to 1945 would mean that our High School would have to accommodate from 750 to 800 pupils in a building with a maximum capacity of 425 pupils.

In projecting increased facilities of a new building, many plans have been discussed. Merits of the plan for a six-grade elementary school organization, a three-year junior high, and a three-year senior high, were considered in the Superintendent's report of 1924 on page 161 with the suggestion that the separate junior high school organization be accepted because of the desire at that time to construct a Junior High School as a separate unit. In 1925, there was a definite proposal to develop the Junior High School on the ten acres located between Temple and King streets.

The statement of this proposal, however, gives the conclusion of the School Committee of that time with reference to the Senior High School location. In the Superintendent's report of 1925, is found the following: "It is now proposed that a new Junior High School building should be erected on this land immediately, and that when the increased enrollment warrants it, the present Senior High School is to be taken for the use of elementary schools of the central district, and a new Senior High School building erected adjacent to the Junior High School. By such an arrangement, some facilities may be used in common by the two schools, thus avoiding duplication, and might be a saving in heating, janitor service, and the teaching force required for special subjects."

If a separate three-year High School is to be constructed, it should be on an adequate amount of land, probably not less than fifteen acres. This means the school would have to be a great distance from the center of the Town, where such land could be purchased for a rather low amount. The construction of this building and its maintenance would be materially higher than the construction of a High School adjoining the present Junior High School building, where the present athletic field could be extended and the service units of the school be used by Junior and Senior High School units alternately. The problem therefore, before the Town is that of a serious consideration of planning adequate facilities for a modern High School in time to take advantage of the much talked of Federal and State Assistance available to those school districts which have definite plans and specifications by the time the war ends.

## LOOKING AHEAD

It is possible that after this war people will demand more and varied educational opportunities. They will probably demand local junior colleges for their youth, adult education, evening classes to meet a higher standard of industrial and technical skill, and liberal arts offerings to enrich their lives.

The forward-looking community is considering these and many other matters to the end that citizens of the community may have the opportunity of making themselves more effective workers and more intelligent citizens.

The school system regrets the loss of two members of its staff who have contributed to the welfare of the youth of this Town over a long period of time. The death of Mrs. Olive Perry, fourth grade teacher in the Pearl St. School, and that of Dr. Charles R. Henderson, School Physician, have been a great loss to teachers and pupils alike.

The Superintendent wishes to voice his appreciation for the cooperation and understanding of the school staffs during the year. Whatever the schools have done has been the result of the fine work which the teachers have accomplished in the face of strain and, oftentimes, personal grief. Because of this loyalty, we face the new year with the assurance that the pupils in Reading will suffer as little as possible during the critical year ahead.

I wish to express my deep appreciation to the School Committee for the frank discussions of the many problems we have had to meet this year and the understanding which they have shown in the administration of the schools. With their continued help, the Superintendent, teachers, and parents, can feel confident as we go ahead into 1944.

Respectfully submitted.

E. C. GROVER

## GRADUATION CLASS READING HIGH SCHOOL 1943

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Dana John Alward	James Leslie Kendall ★
Ruth Amback	Eleanor Gertrude Kenney
Otis L. Anderson	Francis Kiley
Berry W. Arnold	Bertram Alden Kilgore
George Robert Arnold	Helen M. Kimball
Charles Randall Arthur	Lorraine E. Kimball
Arthur Willard Bancroft, Jr.	Louise L. Kimball
Edna Frances Barmby	Kenneth Warren King
Phyllis Barr	Alfred Sherman Knight, Jr.
Anne Elizabeth Barrett	Barbara I. Komenda
Roger Frederick Batchelder	Ethel Leonette Lacey
Robert A. Beaumont	William J. Lander ★
Bruce Arnold Benson ★	Alice Esther Larrabee
Robert O. Berglund	John Lehne, Jr.
Frank Kenneth Brennan	Elizabeth Katherine Leonard
George Howard Boyce	Shirley Thelma Lieberman
Dorothea Christine Breshears	Lorraine Loughlin
Richard E. Brown	Robert Gordon Lowe
Eva Ruth Bruce	Mary Lowell
Anna R. Burbine	Betty Lou Lynch
Thomas Burbine	Jean Frances Maguire
Kenneth Clyde Bushway	John James Marchetti
Agnes J. Campbell	Pauline Magur Marstaller
Russell Eugene Carter	Richard Lloyd Marston
Ethel Mary Chapman	Norman S. Martin
Edith Louise Charles	Jean Ruth McClintock
Margaret Skinner Charles	Agnes Rita McGrath
Donald Hunt Clapperton ★	Dorothy Louise McMenamin
Arthur Donald Conron	Paul Meuse
Beryl Doris Cook	Steven Joseph Miller
Robert Graham Cooper	Marilyn Monegan
Barbara Elizabeth Courser	Edward Jacob Morookian
Mary Katherine Cowhey	George Albert Morris ★

★ In the United States Armed Forces.



## GRADUATION CLASS READING HIGH SCHOOL 1943

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Robert Patrick Cowhey  
Ruth Shirley Cress  
Althea Anne Crilley  
Margaret Crowell  
Charles L. Cummings, Jr. ★  
William Joseph Cuneo  
Patricia Anne Curtin  
Helen Winnifred Dahlquist  
Constance Davis  
Joan Davis  
Mary L. DeFerrari  
Doris Marion DeLong  
Wesley Arthur Dewhurst  
Richard H. Dill  
Shirley Elizabeth Dodge  
Jean E. Donegan  
June Frances Doran  
Gertrude Dorothy Doucette  
Helen L. Doucette  
Lawrence Leo Doucette  
Pauline A. Doucette  
Richard L. Doucette ★  
Phyllis Douglass  
David Sterling Dow  
Elmer Alfred Dykens ★  
Virginia M. Eldredge  
Alice Ellis  
George Edward Fennelly, Jr.  
Mary Ferrick  
Edward J. Fitzgerald ★  
Paul Fitzgerald  
Caroline Bowen Foster  
Thomas Foster

Jean Elizabeth Mullen  
Barbara Elaine Nielson  
Barbara May Normine  
Priscilla Ann Norwood  
Robert Stanley Parker  
Constance Parry  
Donald Arthur Pease  
Joseph L. Pendergast, Jr.  
Nancy Gordon Perry  
June Louise Peterson  
Irene Winifred Pettengill  
Helen Belle Poland  
Audrey Powers  
Lorraine Powers  
Nancy Pratt  
Paul Matthew Quinlan  
Elinor Joan Reardon  
Frances Elenor Redmond  
F. Crawford Reed ★  
Barbara Rich  
Donald Rich  
James Chapman Robinson  
Walter L. Rowell, Jr.  
William Henderson Ryer, Jr.  
Robert Weston Sansom  
Adelle Sargent  
Marilyn Shapiro  
Mable Marion Skelton  
Margaret Mary Slack  
Eleanor Claire Smith  
Barbara Anne Spillane  
Mary Arlene Spillane  
Richard Leslie Stevens ★

★ In the United States Armed Forces.



## READING HIGH SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

Class of 1943

Outdoor Exercises, Junior High School Field  
WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, JUNE NINE  
Four O'clock

### Program

RAISING OF FLAG and PLAYING OF COLORS  
PROCESSIONAL MARCH

High School Band

AMERICA

Smith

Audience, Senior Class and Band

PRAYER—Rev. Jack Matheson Baker

### Salutatory

"Hat's Off"

Elizabeth Joan Hoffer

TORCH ORATION

Donald Hunt Clapperton, Class President

### ESSAY

"Irresponsible Youth"

Jean Frances Maguire

Faculty Honors

### ESSAY

"First Lady of Our Land"

Althea Anne Crilley

Faculty Honors

### ESSAY

"Challenge to Post-War America"

Richard H. Dill

Class Honors

### ESSAY

"Women's Role in the Post-War  
World"

Helen Belle Poland

Class Honors

### Valedictory

"After Graduation, What?"

Kenneth Clyde Bushway

CERTIFICATION OF CLASS

ACCEPTANCE OF CERTIFICATION OF GRADUATES

Dr. Elbridge C. Grover, Superintendent of Schools

CONFERRING SCHOLASTIC HONORS

Rudolph Sussmann, Headmaster

CONFERRING DIPLOMAS

Ralph W. Allen, Chairman of School Board

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Led by Class President Donald Hunt Clapperton

STAR SPANGLED BANNER

Smith

Audience, Senior Class and Band

BENEDICTION—Rev. Jack Matheson Baker

RECESSIONAL MARCH

High School Band

AGE-GRADE TABLE — OCTOBER 1, 1943

Age	Opportunity	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	X	XI	XII	P.G.	Total
5 Years		77													77
6 "		139	53												192
7 "	4	12	97	58	1										172
8 "	5	2	19	82	53	1									162
9 "	7		3	34	86	49									179
10 "	8			5	27	87	55								182
11 "	3				10	23	98	45							179
12 "	5				2	6	22	92	48						175
13 "	2					2	10	30	90	34					168
14 "							1	10	27	89	53				180
15 "							2	2	11	25	103	58	2		203
16 "								1	2	7	35	87	51		183
17 "									1	3	20	64	1		89
18 "											2	9			11
19 "													2		2
20 "															
21 " and over											1				1
Total	34	230	172	179	179	168	188	180	178	156	194	168	128	1	2155

## GRADUATION CLASS READING HIGH SCHOOL 1943

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Winifred Fowle	Martha Stimpson
Doris Marion Gadbois	Sherman Israel Stone
Earline Gaw	John A. Sullivan
Jean Kathryn Geary	Richard Brendan Surette ★
Paul Joseph Geary, Jr. ★	Mary Casimir Tanner
Jean Grace Gleason	Mary Louise Tebeau
Albert Richard Goodwin	Teddy R. Theodorou
Natalie Gray	Frank Tomlinson
Patricia Josephine Gray	Michael G. Twomey
Joseph Francis Griffin	Mildred G. Tracy
Russell Owen Gunn ★	Edgar E. Upton
Mary Margaret Halloran	Ruth Elizabeth Van Horne
Elizabeth Barker Ham	Jane Veazie
Shirley Jean Hatch	Theodore Watson ★
Ruth Eleanor Higgins	Robert David Webb
Marjorie Elinore Hill	Gretchen Helene Weber
Glenn Gardner Hodson	Richard Blaine Webster ★
Elizabeth Joan Hoffer	Roger Milton Wheeler
William James Hole ★	Elizabeth White
Lemuel Herbert Howe ★	Barbara E. Williams
Margaret Collet Ivers	Douglas Foster Williams★
Muriel Lorraine Jones	Ralph Edgar Wilson
Dorothy Rita Kelley	John Hilton Winslow
James Edward Kelly ★	Rosalie Mildred Wistuba
Mary Louise Kelly	Shirley F. Woodward
	Kathleen Louise Wright

★ In the United States Armed Forces.



**Forty-ninth Annual Report**

**of the**

**ELECTRIC LIGHT**

**COMMISSIONERS**

**For the Year Ended**

**December 31, 1943**

## MANAGER'S REPORT

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To the Municipal Light Board:  
Gentlemen:

I submit herewith my report of the operation of the Municipal Light Plant for the year ending December 31, 1943.

We purchased 12,555,023 kilowatt hours at an average cost of 1.2417 cents. This is an increase of 461,892 kilowatt hours over last year, and a decrease in the average cost, last year's cost being 1.2973 cents.

The highest station load during the year was 3600 kilowatts which is 375 less than our pre-war load.

Sales of kilowatt hours for residence service increased 4.9 per cent, and for wholesale power 4.8 per cent, while kilowatt hours sold for commercial lighting and power dropped 16.2 per cent.

The kilowatt hours sold per residence meter were 1141 as compared with 1102 the previous year.

Revenue from the sale of current was \$404,712.56, and from other sources \$649.34 making the total revenue \$405,361.90.

Operating expenses, bond and note payments, interest, taxes and other expenses totaled \$349,750.14 leaving an operating profit of \$38,477.76.

Operating cash received during the year amounted to \$441,057.92 and expenditures \$402,362.43 leaving a balance in the operating fund of \$38,695.49. \$35,000 of this amount has been turned over to the Town Treasurer and the balance transferred to the Construction Fund.

Additions to the plant have been of a minor nature, due to restrictions in the use of critical materials: 2 poles have been set, 2 street lights, 23 meters, 1 transformer, and 13,301 feet of wire installed at a total cost of \$2,119.43.

The underground steam pipes between the power station and the garage building have been renewed.

A coal burning heater was installed in the office building, due to the restrictions on the use of fuel oil.

Dim-out shields were installed on the street lights in all of the towns served, in accordance with Army requirements.

Pole renewals during the year totaled 495, of which 342 were renewed by the plant, and 153 by the Telephone Company.

Tree clearance on the lines in North Reading and Wilmington has been improved by trimming under the supervision of the Tree Wardens.

The following schedule shows the results of the operation of the appliance and repair department.



## STATEMENT OF MERCHANDISE REVENUE AND EXPENSE

as of December 31, 1943

SALES OF APPLIANCES a/c 560 .....	\$23,234.76
Deduct—RETURNS & ALLOWANCES .....	151.21
NET SALES .....	23,083.55
COST OF APPLIANCES SOLD .....	15,289.77
GROSS PROFIT .....	7,793.78

### Deduct—EXPENSES

Storage .....	300.00
Rent .....	1,812.83
Heat .....	
Payroll .....	4,207.43
Commissions .....	665.56
Express & Trucking .....	47.60
Store Expense .....	26.13
Sales Expense .....	65.31
Automobile Expense .....	
Advertising—Mdse. ....	64.20
Demonstrations & Exhibits .....	
Cost of Installations .....	1,933.39
Inventory Adjustments .....	326.54
Uncollectible Accts. ....	
Miscellaneous .....	40.00
TOTAL EXPENSE .....	9,548.43
SALE OF APPLIANCES—NET EXPENSE .....	<b>1,754.65</b>
JOBGING SERVICE—NET REVENUE. ....	190.36
TOTAL MERCHANDISE EXPENSE .....	<b>\$1,564.29</b>

Estimated annual revenue from use of  
 appliances sold ..... \$ 5,213.00

The following estimate of new construction is submitted as Post War projects.

### PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS 1944—1948

	Man Days	Man Days Extra	Labor Costs	Material Costs	Total Costs
Complete underground system on High & Lowell Sts.	483	8,024	\$ 28,976	\$ 19,318	\$ 48,294
Underground system on Mt. Vernon, Linden, Woburn & Chute Sts., Bancroft & Brande Ave. ....	372	3,095	22,285	24,589	46,874
Underground system on Washington, Lincoln, Prescott Sts., Summer Ave. & Temple St. ....	1,136	7,572	56,794	37,863	94,657
Additional transformer at Power Station — 5,000 K. V. A. including connections .....	20	300	2,000	12,000	14,000
730 New Service Connections .....	2,457	...	24,566	36,849	61,415
Totals .....	4,468	18,991	\$ 134,621	\$ 130,619	\$ 265,240
To be financed from Depreciation and Construction Funds.					

### EMPLOYEES IN THE ARMED FORCES

* John J. McLellan	Lineman	Army
* Merrill P. Reed	Service Man	Army
Alexander Williamson	Meter Reader	Army
Alfred J. Burbine	Meter Reader	Navy
Anthony Tine	Stock Clerk	Coast Guard
Ralph F. Conti	Salesman	Navy

\* Received an honorable discharge and re-entered our employ.

### ESTIMATE FOR 1944

I submit herewith my estimate of the income and expenses of the plant for the Year 1944, in accordance with the provisions of Section 57, Chapter 164 of the General Laws.

#### INCOME

From Private Consumers .....	\$ 377,792.00
From Tax Levy:	
For Street Lights .....	\$ 14,000.00
For Municipal Depts. ....	4,700.00
From Miscellaneous Income .....	500.00
TOTAL INCOME .....	\$ 396,992.00

## EXPENSE

For Operation, Maintenance & Repair .....	\$ 296,023.35
For Interest on Bonds and Notes .....	1,882.50
For Depreciation at 3% on .....	\$1,283,782.50
For Bond Payments .....	2,000.00
For Note Payments .....	22,000.00
TOTAL EXPENSE .....	\$ 360,419.33

The auditor's certificate, financial report and summary of statistics follows.

Respectfully submitted,  
ARTHUR G. SIAS, Manager

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## AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

CHARLES E. STANWOOD & COMPANY

Accountants and Auditors

150 Congress Street

Boston, Massachusetts

150 Congress Street  
Boston, Massachusetts  
January 29, 1944

To the Municipal Light Board  
Town of Reading  
Massachusetts

We have examined the accompanying balance sheet of the Municipal Light Department of the Town of Reading, Massachusetts, as at December 31, 1943 and related statements of income and profit and loss for the year then ended, and reviewed the system of internal control and accounting procedures, and, without making a detailed audit of the transactions, have examined or tested accounting records of the Department and other supporting evidence, by methods and to the extent we deemed appropriate.

In our opinion said financial statements present fairly the position of the Municipal Light Department as at December 31, 1943 and the results of their operations for the year then ended, in conformity with the "Uniform System of Accounts for Municipal Lighting Plants" as prescribed by the Department of Public Utilities of Massachusetts.

CHARLES E. STANWOOD & COMPANY

## REPORT OF MUNICIPAL LIGHT BOARD

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The report of the Manager as submitted by him, together with the certificate of the auditor, is hereby approved by the Municipal Light Board, and constitutes its report to the Town.

HENRY R. JOHNSON  
LOUIS E. ELLENWOOD  
HERBERT G. EVANS

Municipal Light Board

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### TOTAL COST OF PLANT

as of December 31, 1943

Cost of Land—Ash Street .....	\$ 2,575.80
25 Haven Street .....	7,459.46
Cost of Structures—Ash Street .....	57,373.12
25 Haven Street .....	27,849.85
Generating Plant—Steam:	
Cost of Boiler Plant Equipment .....	69,696.71
Cost of Prime Movers & Auxiliaries .....	21,512.38
Cost of Turbo Generator Units .....	46,870.83
Cost of Electric Plant—Steam .....	83,090.61
Transmission, Distribution & Storage:	
Cost of Trans. Sta. & Substa. Equip. ....	40,669.55
Cost of Poles, Fixtures & Overhead Cond. ....	499,490.89
Cost of Underground Conduits .....	112,079.16
Cost of Underground Conductors .....	110,266.81
Cost of Consumers Meters .....	75,588.76
Cost of Consumers Meter Installations .....	24,147.69
Cost of Line Transformers .....	55,697.38
Cost of Line Transformer Installations .....	5,693.56
Utilization Equipment:	
Cost of Street Lighting Equipment .....	53,755.20
Total Cost of Electric Plant .....	\$1,293,817.76

### STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

as of December 31, 1943

#### Fixed Assets:

Land .....	\$ 10,035.26
Structures .....	63,206.95
Plant Equipment .....	37,739.17

Transformer Station & Substation Equip. ....	26,547.55
Poles, Fixtures & Overhead Conductors .....	241,667.36
Underground Conduit .....	94,416.76
Underground Conductors .....	87,377.91
Consumers Meters & Installations .....	49,291.34
Line Transformers & Installations .....	32,965.50
Street Lighting Equipment .....	17,637.20
General Equipment .....	15,988.65
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Total Fixed Assets .....	\$ 676,873.65
Unfinished Construction .....	4,998.22
Current Assets:	
Construction Fund .....	3,695.49
Const. Fund—Spec. Underground .....	1,431.59
Real Est. Debt Retirement Fund .....	6,000.00
Depreciation Fund .....	67,743.17
Consumers Deposit Funds .....	12,440.54
Petty Cash Fund .....	250.00
Accounts Receivable .....	40,124.90
Materials and Supplies Inventories .....	69,004.36
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Total Current Assets .....	\$ 200,690.05
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Prepaid Insurance .....	1,423.40
Totals .....	\$ 883,985.32
Liabilities:	
Notes Payable .....	\$ 99,000.00
Bonds Payable .....	16,000.00
Accounts Payable .....	None
Consumers Deposits .....	12,440.54
Town Treasurer—Petty Cash Fund .....	250.00
Interest Accrued .....	579.90
Loans Repayment .....	536,578.26
Total Liabilities .....	664,848.70
Profit and Loss Balance Dec. 31, 1943 .....	219,136.62
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Totals .....	\$883,985.32

Note: A contingent liability in the amount of \$3837.25 existed at Dec. 31, 1943, on account of leases received from installment sales of electrical appliances and which were discounted with the First National Bank of Reading.

## PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

as of December 31, 1943

Balance December 31, 1942 .....	\$ 198,502.80
Income Balance from Operating Account .....	79,802.12
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Total Credits .....	\$ 278,304.92
Bonds and Notes Paid .....	\$ 24,000.00
Transferred to General Funds of the Town .....	
in lieu of taxes .....	35,000.00
Surplus Adjustments .....	168.30
Total Debits .....	\$ 59,168.30
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Credit Balance Dec. 31, 1943 .....	\$ 219,136.62

Amounts transferred to Town Treasurer in lieu of Taxes

Dec. 31, 1934 .....	\$ 20,000.00
Dec. 31, 1935 .....	20,000.00
Dec. 31, 1936 .....	20,000.00
Dec. 31, 1937 .....	22,000.00
Dec. 31, 1938 .....	24,000.00
Dec. 31, 1939 .....	24,000.00
Dec. 31, 1940 .....	26,000.00
Dec. 31, 1941 .....	35,000.00
Dec. 31, 1942 .....	35,000.00
Dec. 31, 1943 .....	35,000.00
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Total .....	\$ 261,000.00

## SUMMARY OF INCOME AND EXPENSES

for the year ending December 31, 1943

### REVENUES:

Residence Service .....	\$ 296,541.15
Commercial Service .....	45,336.92
Commercial Power-Wholesale .....	21,300.58
Municipal Service .....	9,768.13
Sales to Private Companies & Municipal Plants ....	2,441.39
Street Lighting Service .....	29,324.39
Miscellaneous Income .....	649.34
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Total Revenues .....	\$ 405,361.90



## EXPENSES:

Production Expenses .....	\$ 155,895.25
Distribution Expenses .....	68,418.94
Utilization Expenses .....	8,870.26
Commercial Expenses .....	18,067.60
New Business Expenses .....	123.49
General Expenses .....	26,196.09
Depreciation .....	38,477.76
Interest on Bonds & Notes .....	2,074.69
Taxes .....	5,106.00
Uncollectible Operating Revenues .....	534.93
Interest on Consumers Deposits .....	230.48
Merchandise Expense .....	1,564.29
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Total Expenses .....	\$ 325,559.78
Balance to Profit and Loss .....	\$ 79,802.12
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Totals .....	\$ 405,361.90

## SUMMARY OF STATISTICS

December 31, 1943

Kilowatt hours purchased .....	12,555,023
Kilowatt hours sold .....	11,309,404
Kilowatt hours delivered to Reading Street Lights .....	412,881
Kilowatt hours used at Station, Garage and Office .....	82,750
Kilowatt hours unaccounted for .....	1,175,096
Average cost per KWH at switchboard .....	1.2417c
Maximum KW load at Station .....	3600
Miles of street with overhead lines .....	191
Number of Poles .....	8826
Miles of overhead wire .....	1296
Feet of underground conduit .....	76755
Miles of underground cable .....	77
Number of manholes .....	80
Number of transformers .....	531
Number of meters .....	6773
Number of street lights .....	2162
Number of customers .....	6861

## REPORT OF THE LIBRARY TRUSTEES

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The annual report of the Librarian shows a rather decided drop in book circulation. Without question this means that the war is having its effect upon the reading habits of the people of Reading as it is upon people everywhere. The books which have lost their popularity for the time being are, as one has put it, of the "thistledown" variety, that is to say, light novels and entertaining non-fiction. This does not mean, however, that the Public Library has lost any of its real vital importance in the war effort. On the contrary, the every increasing demand for up-to-date books on Russia, the Far East, the Pacific War, and material on the human side of the war is evident of the fact that there is a great interest in world affairs and international politics. The shelves are already bulking large with the literature on peace and post-war planning. The care with which our library staff has selected material to meet this demand has provided our community with excellent literature on the most pertinent problems of the day—winning the war—and the peace. Only through an intelligent public opinion can we hope to establish a little more decent world to live in after this war is over. Here the Public Library serves as a vital force for good in the achievement of this worthy end.

To meet the needs of the times, governed not by circulation figures, but by the requirements of people caught up in the rush of war work, the library has not curtailed its services, but has extended them. The hours the library is open has been extended; the rooms have been utilized by various adult study groups certain mornings of the week; and special attention has been given to the needs of children in war time. It has been the thought of many that the Public Library serves as something more than a place to borrow a book occasionally, but to a certain degree it is also a community center. In this respect it might well satisfy the need for more active cultural expression of our community life. An experiment was attempted last year in presenting a Sunday afternoon musicale. There is no reason why more of this sort of thing cannot be done if there is any public demand for it.

The time for post-war planning is at hand. Our community is well out in front with a far-sighted committee at work on this problem. The needs of the Public Library is a part of this post-war picture. For several years each successive library report has emphasized the need for relieving the overcrowded and congested condition in the library. The reading room could be cleared of unsightly book-alcoves, and book shelves, by the building of a wing to the library which would serve as a stack-room. By careful planning this need not entail a great deal of expense and it would add considerably to the serviceability of the library. The original beauty and utility of the reading rooms would be restored.

This need has been neglected far too long. It is difficult to see how a staff can continue to work efficiently under such handicaps. In addition, it is impossible for the Librarian to do many of the interesting things which she would like to do. For instance, we are entering an important year in the history of our town. There is a wealth of historical lore concerning Reading which should be exhibited. But the Library has no room for exhibits. There are interesting educational and patriotic displays which should be exhibited from time to time in the public Library, but these things cannot be done because space cannot be sacrificed for such purposes. The budget of the Library is small; the endowments are negligible as compared with nearby communities; and the capital outlay on the library plant over a number of years has been nothing at all. It is time to take an account of stock in a community investment from which every man, woman, and child receives a rich dividend.

When plans are considered let us not forget the Public Library and its needs.

Respectfully submitted,

A. IMRIE DIXON, Chairman

KATHERINE C. PIERCE, Secretary

ISABEL G. HEDGES

WILLIAM S. TONKS

C. NELSON BISHOP

SIDNEY M. HODSON

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### LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

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The Library continues to be a busy community center, despite the decrease in circulation which every library is experiencing during these war years. One of the important things accomplished, or partly accomplished, has been the weeding out of old and unused books; many about the first World War, which are not of interest now; out-of-date science books, fiction that has not been off the shelves for years; also many old magazines and books in the store room that were not old enough to have any value but not recent enough to be interesting.

We have bought many new books for the young people of High School age, including more attractive editions of some of the classics; also a number of the more interesting books about the war and others of the new fiction. They seem to appreciate having these books on their own shelves and many are asking to have books reserved for them.

The Book Drive for 1943 was very successful, 1043 books being turned in. Again we wish to thank Mrs. Poland and Mrs. Grover for sorting and packing and Mr. DeMelle Garey for transportation.

The Book Group of the Woman's Club has given us two books: The World's 100 Best Stories, edited by Somerset Maugham and The Treasury of the Familiar, edited by R. L. Wood.

The beautiful creche which was in the exhibit case during the Christmas season, was made by Mrs. Timlin and is a gift to the Library from her.

The work in the Children's Room has continued with an increase in circulation. Through the summer a story-hour was held once a week. During the month of August the experiment was tried of taking books to two of the Recreation centers, with considerable success. A half-hour of story-telling was held at each of the two centers on the same day.

About 500 books were loaned during the year for use in the different schools. During Book Week eight different classes visited the Library. Better care of books during war time was stressed. The files were explained and the children encouraged to use them. Several groups of Girl Scouts have visited us during the year. More boys and girls are now coming to the children's room for reference work for school. We feel that it has been a busy year of steady growth.

Respectfully submitted,

GRACE J. ABBOTT

#### Public Library Expense Account

##### Salaries:

Appropriation \$6,044.00

Librarian .....	\$ 1,845.29
Assistants .....	3,285.23
Janitor .....	913.21

\$ 6,043.73

##### Maintenance \$3,300.00

Fuel, Light, Water, Sewer .....	\$ 420.73
Telephone .....	47.69
Printing and Supplies .....	156.09
Maintenance and Repairs .....	377.01
Books, Periodicals and Binding .....	2,269.47
Miscellaneous .....	49.51

\$ 3,300.50

Refund ..... .60

\$ 3,299.90

##### Balance unexpended and returned to revenue:

On Salaries .....	.27
On maintenance .....	.10

### Receipts

Fines Collected .....	\$	696.59
Fees from Out-of-Town Borrowers .....		16.00
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	\$	712.59
Paid to Town Treasurer .....	\$	712.59
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Balance Dec. 31, 1943 .....	\$	00.00

### Circulation Report

Vol. in Library Dec. 31, 1942.....		25,684
Volumes bought:		
Adult fiction .....	391	
Adult non-fiction .....	378	
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Juvenile fiction .....	306	
Juvenile non-fiction .....	112	
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Reference Books .....		15
Received by gift .....		159
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	1361	1361
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		27045
Withdrawn during year .....		757
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Total no. vol. Dec. 31, 1943 .....		26288
Circulation:		
Adult .....	64427	
Juvenile .....	22631	
Total circulation in 1943 .....		87058
Total circulation in 1942 .....		93138
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Loss in 1943 .....		6080
New Borrowers Registered:		
Adult .....	383	
Juvenile .....	225	
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Total new borrowers .....		608
No. days library open .....		304
Average daily circulation:		
Adult .....		221.47
Juvenile .....		74.45
Borrowed from other libraries .....		17
Loaned to other libraries .....		11

## REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

The Board has devoted its attention to several problems including the location of the proposed State Route 128 through the town, a study of capital budgeting, the establishment of a post-war rehabilitation program and preliminary studies of the need for a library extension and of additional school facilities.

Definite assurance has been obtained that the proposed Circumferential Highway, known as Route 128, will be located in the southerly part of the town, near the Stoneham line. This will preserve valuable properties which would have been injured had the previously planned route been followed.

On motion of the Planning Board two committees have been appointed by action of the town meeting to study and report at the annual town meeting in March, 1944 on the matter of long range capital budgeting and on post-war readjustments, respectively. Mr. Berry is serving as chairman of former committee and Mr. Pease is chairman of the latter. Mr. White has continued to serve as the representative of the Board on the Drainage Committee.

On petition of a group of citizens, a special town meeting was held on December 13, 1943, after a public hearing required by law, to consider amending the zoning by-laws to extend the present industrial district to include an area on South Main and Ash Streets immediately south of the railroad crossing and zoned partly for residential purposes but principally for retail business. The town meeting followed the recommendations of the Board and voted against the proposed revision.

The Board has been represented at numerous public hearings and has met with various boards and committees to discuss matters of mutual interest. Board members have given informal talks before many of the civic, social and other interested organizations of the town on the subjects of post-war planning or capital budgeting. Members of the Board have conferred with State officials and others on matters pertaining to public safety, town development and post-war rehabilitation.

An inspection has been made of the parks and playground facilities of the town.

Acknowledgment is made of the splendid cooperation on the part of this town's members in the Legislature and the several town boards and many citizens.

Respectfully submitted,

A. LLOYD DAVID, Chairman  
GEORGE B. PEASE, Secretary  
WALTER D. BERRY  
WINTHROP D. PARKER  
PHILIP R. WHITE



## REPORT OF THE WAR PRICE AND RATIONING BOARD

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The Reading Rationing Board was organized in February 1942, upon orders from the O.P.A., and consisted of three members under the leadership of Joseph D. Knight. At that time tires were the only commodity rationed.

Since then the number of items rationed has increased to the extent that it now requires 17 Board members, 8 Federal clerks and 2 Town clerks to handle the work efficiently and to take care of the approximately 150 applicants a day.

Rationing is a necessity and the Board members endeavor to give the townspeople fair treatment under the present government regulations and we see that there are no cases of undue hardship if it is at all possible to prevent them under the regulations.

This rationing, or depriving people of things to which they are normally accustomed is not a pleasant task and the citizens of the town can be proud of the men and women who give at least six hours each week to this job without pay.

I take this opportunity to express my appreciation to the various organizations and citizens of the town, together with the past and present members of this Board and clerks for their cooperation and assistance.

Respectfully submitted,

HERBERT C. TOWLE, Chairman

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## REPORT OF VETERANS' BENEFITS AGENT

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January 20, 1944

Honorable Board of Selectmen,  
Town of Reading, Massachusetts  
Gentlemen:

Your department of Veterans' Benefits which was known by the former name of Soldiers' Relief Department, has had a busy year. The money expended does not reveal the work of the department. We have assisted fifty-one (51) families with a total of one hundred and six (106) persons. We have rendered various kinds of assistance too numerous to record. We expect to continue to be busy this year.

Respectfully yours,

CHARLES W. H. SMITH,  
Agent

## REPORT OF THE WELFARE BOARD

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As required by law the Board of Public Welfare submits its annual report. The authorities whose duty it is to see that the annual Town Report is compiled and printed have asked us to be as brief as possible. They have the best reasons for their request and certainly there never was a better time for brevity so far as this board is concerned.

Mr. Clarence J. Stalliday was appointed a member of this board to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. Charles E. Wilkinson, on December 16th, 1943.

We have only to report that the department has functioned smoothly and we believe efficiently throughout 1943. For particulars we refer you to the accompanying condensed report of the Welfare Agent, and to those portions of the Town Accountant's report which show the detail of receipts and expenditures.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH D. KNIGHT, Chairman

MILES C. HIGGINS, Secretary

CLARENCE J. STALLIDAY,

Board of Public Welfare

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## REPORT OF THE WELFARE AGENT

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To the Board of Public Welfare:

I submit herewith a brief report for the year 1943. One important factor has been a continuance of good employment conditions. This has resulted in the lowest yearly expenditure for General Aid since 1930. In Aid to Dependent Children and in Old Age Assistance the average case load did not increase during 1943 but the cost per case showed a material rise because of higher price levels in the necessities of life. The revised Old Age Assistance law, effective in September, 1943, caused substantial increases throughout this category because of the mandatory budget clause, with the minimum payment requirements being retained in the law as well. This increase, operative for only four months of 1943, will be in effect throughout the whole of this year. It is apparent, therefore, that without any increase in case load it is still necessary that we have available a larger appropriation for the Old Age Assistance than that provided last year.

A matter of major interest in carrying on a relief program as extensive as the one now being attempted throughout the country is the final net cost to the various cities and towns as it applies to their local taxes. This net cost for 1943 was the lowest it has been since 1930. To show the method of computing this cost by balancing receipts against expenditures, the following condensed schedule is submitted:

### Welfare Department Net Costs for 1943

	Expenditures	*Receipts
General Aid—Town Cases .....	\$ 14,407.91	\$ 1,900.60
General Aid—State Cases .....	3,100.25	3,567.77
Aid to Dependent Children .....	16,275.35	12,975.63
Old Age Assistance .....	116,729.36	98,007.53
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	\$150,512.87	\$116,451.53
Total credits .....	\$116,451.53	
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Net Cost .....	\$ 34,061.34	

\*Recoveries through collection of charges against other cities and towns, the state, and federal grants.

In handling this assistance program of \$150,000.00 for 1943, with its many involved social problems affecting the family life of each recipient, as well as the enormous amount of detail necessary to recover for the town the substantial receipts listed above, it is to be noted that the administrative cost remains below 6½%.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD E. HARNDEN,  
Welfare Agent

### REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF PLUMBING

To the Board of Health:  
Gentlemen:

I herewith submit my report for the year ending December 31, 1943.

Number of permits granted .....	58
Number of fixtures installed .....	164
Bath Tubs .....	20
Closets .....	45
Lavatories .....	25
Sinks .....	28
Boilers .....	20
Tankless Heaters .....	8
Sinks and Trays .....	10
Two part trays .....	8
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	164

I have made 210 inspections covering plumbing.

Respectfully submitted,

DAVID MARTIN,  
Inspector of Plumbing

## **REPORT OF THE BOARD OF CEMETERY TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR 1943**

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To the Citizens of the Town of Reading.

The Cemetery Trustees submit their annual report as follows:

The Board organized for the year by electing Clarence C. White as Chairman and Fred L. Nutter as Secretary. William P. Pierpont was re-appointed Superintendent.

The Report of the Superintendent, approved by the Trustees and appended hereto, covers very fully the work carried on during the year. The Trustees feel that the excellent condition of both Cemeteries reflect the efficient management of the Superintendent and the loyalty and faithfulness of his assistants.

The appropriation for the year was \$10,000.00 for maintenance of Laurel Hill and Forest Glen Cemeteries. \$1,000.00 was transferred from the Cemetery Reserve Fund to assist in carrying on the work of the Department.

The maintenance of the Cemeteries has been supervised carefully by the Trustees, with a view to keeping within these appropriations.

Respectfully submitted,

CLARENCE C. WHITE, Chairman,  
FRED L. NUTTER, Secretary  
HARRY C. BARR,  
ARTHUR MICHELINI,  
FRANK LEE EDGERLEY,  
JAMES W. FAIRCHILD,

Board of Cemetery Trustees

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## **LAUREL HILL AND FOREST GLEN CEMETERIES**

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### **Report for 1943**

To the Board of Cemetery Trustees,  
Town of Reading, Mass.  
Gentlemen:

I herewith submit my sixteenth annual report of Laurel Hill and Forest Glen Cemeteries ending December 31, 1943.

The regular maintenance work was kept up in the Cemeteries during the year, with the extra employees including three high school boys hired during part of the summer season to mow lots.

In Laurel Hill the annual care signs, urns and hydrants were painted and the interior of the shop was painted one coat. Catch basins were cleaned out, hedges and shrubs were trimmed and watered throughout the season, lot bounds were raised, stepping stones were trimmed and trees pruned and dead wood removed. Three trees were cut down that

had become unsightly. Town plots and perpetual care lots were fertilized in the fall. leaves raked up and disposed of and all avenues were plowed and kept open during the winter.

There were eighty-six interments in Laurel Hill Cemetery during the year. Ninety-nine sunken graves were repaired, forty winter graves were graded and seeded and eight monument and twenty-seven marker foundations were built.

Two lots, four adult graves and three baby graves were sold this year and two graves were used by the Welfare Department. There are still a few large lots remaining unsold in Laurel Hill; four eight grave and two six grave lots in desirable locations. Twelve old lots and one single grave were placed under perpetual care, one lot had an additional amount for care placed on it and one lot had a special bequest for flowers to be placed on the lot Memorial Day of each year.

There were eleven interments in Forest Glen Cemetery this year. Five sunken graves were repaired, two monument and one marker foundations built and approximately twelve hundred stepping stones were trimmed and raised and all lot bounds and numbers raised.

The sale of lots in this Cemetery increases each year. This year we sold eleven lots and one single grave.

With this report I have covered the general operation of the year's work of this Department. I recommend that the macadam avenues in Laurel Hill be resurfaced next season with a coating of asphalt and pea stone, as this has not been done for several years and they are beginning to break up. Some of the others should have a coat of Tarvia and pea stone. This will insure their preservation for several years. The tool house should be reshingled next year.

The financial statement will appear in the report of the Town Accountant.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM P. PIERPONT,  
Superintendent

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## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF APPEAL

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The Board of Appeal held three hearings during the year 1943, one of which was denied, one granted, and one dismissed as not coming under the jurisdiction of the Board of Appeal.

Respectfully submitted,

BENJAMIN B. PIPER, Chairman  
FRED L. NUTTER Secretary  
DUDLEY B. KILLAM

Board of Appeal

## REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF MILK AND FOOD

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To the Honorable Board of Health,  
Town of Reading  
Gentlemen:

The inspection of the local milk supply and dairies handling the same has been conducted along the same lines as of previous years. That is, it has consisted of the collecting and analysis of milk samples for their butter-fat, solids and bacteria contents, also in the inspection of the barns, utensils and the milk-rooms in which the milk is handled.

There were 78 samples of milk collected and analyzed, with satisfactory results in the majority of cases.

32 licenses were issued to sell milk.

The inspection of the local food supply has consisted of the inspection of the premises where food is stored and handled, such as markets, grocery stores, bakeries, restaurant and roadside stands.

Such inspections were made during the year and in most cases conditions were found to be satisfactory

Yours respectfully,

CARL M. SMITH,  
Inspector of Milk and Food

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## REPORT OF SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

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To the Honorable Board of Selectmen,  
Town of Reading  
Gentlemen:

The following is a tabulation of the work completed by the Department of Weights and Measures of the Town of Reading for the year 1943:

### Work Performed from Jan. 1, 1943 to Dec. 31, 1943

	Adjusted	Sealed
<b>1. Scales</b>		
Platform, over 10,000 lbs. ....	1	3
Platform, 100 to 5,000 lbs. ....	5	8
Counter, 100 to 5,000 lbs. ....	1	1
Counter, under 100 lbs. ....	6	12
Spring, under 100 lbs. ....	7	17
Computing, under 100 lbs. ....	15	30
Person weighing, slot ....		1
<b>2. Weights</b>		
Avoirdupois ....	1	61
<b>3. Volumetric</b>		
Liquid Measures ....	15	
Dry Measures ....	3	



**Work Performed from Jan. 1, 1943 to Dec. 31, 1943**

	Adjusted	Sealed
<b>3. Volumetric</b>		
Fuel Baskets .....	1	
<b>4. Automatic Liquid-Measuring Devices</b>		
Gasoline Pump .....	2	41
Stops on Pump .....	5	5
Gasoline Meter Systems .....	2	40
Grease Measuring Devices .....	8	
<b>5. Linear Measure</b>		
Yard Sticks .....	9	
	<hr/> 45	<hr/> 255

**Trial Weighings and Measurements of Commodities Sold or Put Up  
For Sale**

	Total No.	No. Correct	Incorrect	
			Under	Over
Bread .....	20	17	1	2
Butter .....	12	6	2	4
Dry Commodities .....	32	29	1	2
Grain and Feed .....	10	10		
Ice .....	4	1	1	2
Potatoes .....	20	16	2	2
	<hr/> 98	<hr/> 79	<hr/> 7	<hr/> 12

**Inspections Made**

Paper and Fibre Cartons .....	2
Pedlers' Licenses .....	2
Transient Vendors .....	1
Ice Scales .....	3
Junk Scales .....	3

Respectfully submitted,

CARL M. SMITH,  
Sealer of Weights and Measures

**REPORT OF THE FOREST WARDEN**

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen,  
Gentlemen:

The department has responded to 249 grass, brush, dump and rubbish fires in 1943. This is an increase of 134 over 1942.

The greater number of these fires were incendiary or from careless burning of rubbish, many times in improper incinerators.

Respectfully submitted,

CHIEF HUGH L. EAMES,  
Forest Warden

## REPORT OF CHIEF OF POLICE

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen,  
Reading, Massachusetts  
Gentlemen:

I hereby submit the annual report of the Police Department of the Town of Reading for the year ending December 31, 1943.

### Arrests for the Year 1943

Males, 184; Females, 4; Adults, 164; Minors, 24; Residents, 80; Non-Residents, 108; American Born, 176; Foreign Born, 12. Total Number of Arrests, 188.

### Causes of Arrest

Drunkenness, 58; Assault and Battery, 10; Non-Support, 6; Larceny, 2; Insane, 2; Breaking and Entering in Night Time, 4; Delinquent Children, 4; Capias, 5; Runaways, 2; Out-of-town Warrants, 10; Lewd and Lascivious, 1 Operating After Revocation, 2; Operating Under Influence of Liquor, 12; Automobile Violations, 62; Driving So As To Endanger, 2; Defaulted, 1; Disturbing the Peace, 2; A.W.O.L., 1; Warrants, 2.

### Disposition of Cases in Courts

Fines, 92; Released, 35; Turned Over to Out-of-town Officers, 11; House of Correction, 4; House of Correction, Suspended, 10; Worcester State Hospital, 2; Shirley School, 1; Lyman School, Suspended, 2; Held for Grand Jury, 5; Concord Reformatory, 1; Complaint Withdrawn, 2; Continued, 3; Dismissed, 2; Turned over to United States Navy, 1; On File, 12; Defaulted, 1; Found Not Guilty, 3; Probation, 1.

### Amounts of Fines Imposed By Courts

1 Fine, \$500.00; 2 Fines, \$100.00; 8 Fines, \$50.00; 6 Fines, \$35.00; 7 Fines, \$25.00; 14 Fines, \$20.00; 31 Fines, \$15.00; 13 Fines, \$10.00; 7 Fines, \$5.00. Total Fines, \$2,395.00; from this total the Town received \$1,724.50.

### Value of Properties Stolen and Recovered

Value of Property Reported as Stolen in Reading .....	\$ 7,019.50
Value of Property Recovered in Reading .....	6,393.37
Value of Property Recovered for Out-of-town Officers ....	3,175.00

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Total Value of Property Recovered in Year 1943..... \$ 9,568.37

### Miscellaneous Services Rendered by the Police Department

The major items of police service are indicated in the foregoing tables. However, a wide variety of incidental services which occupy much of the department's time and attention is summarized as follows:

Transients put up, 12; Buildings found open, 3; Windows found open, 16; Doors found open, 102; road and sidewalk conditions reported, 12; summons delivered, 146; Lost children found and returned to parents, 34; Runaway children, 7; Wires reported down, 6; Special messages delivered, 103; Dead bodies cared for, 4; Drowning accidents, 1; Broken poles reported, 5; Convoys escorted, 7; Lights reported out, 12; Bad odors reported, 8; Cows found on streets, 3; Horses found on streets, 2; Pigs found on streets, 5; Persons taken to their homes, 2; Assistance given sick persons, 15; Buildings reported damaged, 3; Property found outside and brought to Station, 11 (value \$241.00); Family trouble investigated, 24; Teletype messages sent out for out-of-Town departments, 28; Fire department called, 12; Delivered Lord's Day licenses, 19; Malden & Melrose Gas Co. notified about low pressure, 1; Starved and injured dogs taken care of, 12; Dogs shot, 2; Alert test messages received, 57; Trips to Pumping Station, 83; Trips to Watch Tower, Wakefield Street, 42; Trips made out-of-town for Ration Board, 6; Man-hole covers reported off, 1; Bicycles reported stolen, 31; Bicycles recovered, 27; Vacant houses of people away inspected, 142; Miscellaneous cases investigated, 251; 8 persons reported missing—7 returned to their homes. Covered all fire alarms. Finger-printing by Officer Thomas J. Fitzpatrick, 52 hours. All officers of the department reported for duty during all test air-raid demonstrations during the year.

#### **Automobile Accidents**

Total number of automobile accidents for year 1943, 148; Accidents involving property damage, 89; Accidents involving personal injury, 51; Accidents involving persons taken to doctors, 26; Accidents involving persons taken to hospitals, 18; Fatal accidents, 1; 25 dogs struck or killed by automobiles.

#### **Mileage on Automobile Units**

Cruiser number one travelled 10,198 miles to May 5th, replaced by Studebaker which has travelled 15,408 miles; cruiser number two, Plymouth, has travelled 41,106 miles; Packard sedan has travelled 3,520 miles; ambulance has travelled 3,620 miles, making a total mileage covered by all units for the year 1943, 73,852 miles.

#### **Police Ambulance Records**

During the year 1943 the police made the following trips with the ambulance:

Winchester Hospital, 87; Choate Memorial Hospital, 10; Mass. General Hospital, 36; Soldiers' Home, Chelsea, 6; St. John's Hospital, 24; Tewksbury State Hospital, 1; Medford Hospital, 1; New England Sanitarium, 2; Melrose Hospital, 4; Wakefield Convalescent Home, 4; Town Limits, 10; Peter Bent Brigham Hospital, 4; Mass. Eye and Ear Infirmary, 2; Carney Hospital, 3; Chelsea Naval Hospital, 1; Robert

Bent Brigham Hospital, 1; Maplewood Hospital, 1; Stoneham Convalescent Home, 3; St. Elizabeth Hospital, 1; Pondville State Hospital, 1; Delaney Hospital, Lowell, 1; Worcester State Hospital, 3; Mass. Memorial, 1. Total trips made by the ambulance for the year 1943, 207. Received in payment for use of ambulance and turned over to the Town Treasurer for year 1943, \$660.00.

#### **Bicycle Registrations**

Since bicycle registration started, up to December 31, 1943, 1,508 plates have been issued. \$300.75 was collected for plates in 1942 and turned over to the Town Treasurer. In 1943, \$95.50 was collected for plates and turned over to the Town Treasurer.

#### **Auxiliary Police**

I wish to take this opportunity to thank the members of the Auxiliary Police for their assistance given this department during the year. Their uniforms have been dyed blue, new caps with numerals and new brass buttons for the coats have been provided.

For approximately two months six to eight men reported to the Station Tuesday and Thursday nights from 8:30 to 11:00 P. M. At the present time two men report for duty six nights each week from 8:30 to 11:00 P. M. and perform regular police work during that time. ;

#### **Recommendation**

Due to the fact that our ambulance, a 1934 Dodge, is now ten years old and much out of date, I recommend that the Town purchase a new ambulance as soon as is possible.

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Officer Gordon G. MacIntire has been retired due to sickness. John R. Condon was appointed a regular police officer Dec. 20th. On Nov. 2nd the Report Center was closed and since that time the Police Department takes the calls from Malden. ,

#### **Conclusion**

At this time I wish to thank the Honorable Board of Selectmen, the Judges of the Superior and District Courts, the Clerks of our Courts, our local press, and all others who have assisted in promoting the welfare of this department, also the members of this department for their work done during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

JEREMIAH CULLINANE,  
Chief of Police,  
Reading, Mass.

## **EIGHTY-NINTH ANNUAL REPORT OF FIRE DEPARTMENT**

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen,  
Gentlemen:

The 1943 report of the Reading Fire Department is hereby submitted:

### **Manual Force**

Nine permanent men including the chief. Call men: Due to a number of call men being engaged in defense work there is a serious shortage of man power, more so during the daytime. There are at the present time 8 full time call men, that are available 24 hours a day, 9 half time call men, 4 full time call substitutes and 4 half time call substitutes making a total of 20½ call men.

### **Apparatus**

At the Central Fire Station is located a 1937 Packard chief's car; Engine 1, a 1,000 gal. per min. Seagrave pumping engine purchased 1934; Engine 3, 600 gal. Seagrave engine purchased 1929; Engine 4, a 1938 Chevrolet purchased 1932—this is a forest fire truck equipped with a 100 gal. portable pump; Ladder 1, Seagrave 65 ft. junior aerial ladder truck with a 200 gal. pump.

At the Woburn street station is Engine 2, a 400 gal. Seagrave pump purchased in 1926 and Engine 5, a 1938 Chevrolet which was equipped with a 400 gal. front end pump, 140 gal. booster tank, ladders and other fire-fighting equipment by the permanent men last year. This engine has been assigned to the Auxiliary Fire Service.

The fire alarm truck has a 250 gal. front end pump and the Office of Civilian Defense has supplied some government equipment.

### **Auxiliary Fire Service**

The Auxiliary Fire Services has continued to be of great service to the department. These men have continued their interest in their work and besides doing fire duty have served 5,736 hours maintaining a night watch at the Engine 2 Station.

### **Training**

Training of the call and auxiliary men has been continued by Deputy Chief O'Brien.

### **Service Record**

The department has responded to 119 bell alarms, 37 still, 224 telephone and 59 service calls, a total of 439 which is an increase of 82 over 1942. The fire loss was \$27,526.74. 167 booster tanks were used. Feet of hose laid: 2½ in. 10,900; 1½ in. 19,850; 1 in. 2,650; ¾ in. 29,750. Feet of ladder raised 2,575. 16 waterproof covers spread; 2 calls for oxygen; extinguishers used; 23 soda-acid; 7 carbon-tetrachloride; 12 carbon-dioxide; 2 chimney fuzees. Engines have pumped 14 hours; cellar pump 6 hours. Lighting generator was used 3½ hours.



### **Recommendations**

It is essential that the supply of 1½ and 2½ inch hose be increased. The need of more man power in the department has been present for a number of years and is more serious at the present time with many call men in defense work. The permanent force should be increased.

### **Conclusion**

In conclusion I wish to thank your Honorable Board for their co-operation, the members of the department and the Auxiliary Fire Service for the faithful manner in which they have performed their duties, the employees of the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company for their valuable assistance in the transmission of emergency calls to this department and to other town departments and the citizens who have been of assistance.

Respectfully submitted,

CHIEF HUGH L. EAMES

### **REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF FIRE ALARM**

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen,  
Gentlemen:

During 1943 the necessary maintenance work has been carried out. One additional fire alarm box was added to the system.

I wish to thank the members of your board for your co-operation and all others who have been of assistance.

Respectfully submitted,

CHIEF HUGH L. EAMES,  
Superintendent of Fire Alarm

### **REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF WIRES**

December 31, 1943

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen,  
Gentlemen:

I herewith submit the sixth annual report as Inspector of Wires for the Town of Reading for the term ending Dec. 31, 1943.

During the last year 153 inspections have been made, classified as follows: motors 9, ranges 14, oil burners 11, lights 22, receptacles 52, heat regulators 4, water heaters 6, control switch 1, stokers 3, fluorescent lights 4, wiring repairs 16; and have also compiled complaints as follows: wiring condemned 3, warning of code violation 1, citizen complaint 4, hazardous circuits cut off 2.

In conclusion, I wish to thank the Honorable Board of Selectmen for their co-operation throughout the year and any and all others who assisted in the proper administration of this office during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES F. TREVOR,  
Inspector of Wires



## REPORT OF CUSTODIAN OF SOLDIERS' and SAILORS' GRAVES

Reading, Mass., Jan. 1, 1944

The Honorable Board of Selectmen,  
Town of Reading

I respectfully submit my report as Custodian of Soldiers' and Sailors' graves of the Town of Reading for the year 1943.

There were eight graves repaired in Laurel Hill Cemetery during the year.

Appropriation .....	\$	600.00
Pay Roll .....	\$	568.00
Repairs on Lots .....		32.00
	\$	600.00
	\$	600.00

Only one veteran passed away during the year: Warren L. Fletcher, (Spanish American War), died Mar. 3, 1943, buried March 5, 1943. Lot No. 1100.

Respectfully submitted,

HARRY A. TURNER,  
Custodian

## REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

February 4, 1944

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen,  
Town of Reading, Massachusetts  
Gentlemen:

I hereby submit my report as Inspector of Animals for the calendar year January 1, 1943 to January 1, 1944.

There were forty-three dogs quarantined for biting or scratching people. Forty-one dogs were released after the period of quarantine indicated there were no symptoms of rabies present. The heads of three dogs were sent to the laboratory for examination. The report in all three cases gave evidence that none of the dogs had been afflicted with rabies.

Two herds of cattle were placed under quarantine and remained as such as of January 1, 1944.

Upon notification of the Division of Livestock Disease Control, a census was conducted in the Town of Reading for the purpose of ascertaining the number of milking cows in order to prevent a threatened milk shortage during the summer months of 1943.

In addition, a number of cattle and barns were inspected to aid in the prevention and eradication of contagious and infectious diseases.

Respectfully submitted,

GARDINER A. LESTER, D.V.M.  
Inspector of Animals

## REPORT OF TOWN COUNSEL

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To the Law Committee of the Town of Reading:

I herewith submit my report as Town Counsel for the calendar year 1943.

The four cases pending before the Appellate Tax Board at the beginning of the year have been disposed of after hearing. One case resulted in an abatement of \$22.75 of the tax assessed and the other three were dismissed for want of prosecution. Two cases are now pending before the Board.

Tax foreclosure proceedings in 14 cases were commenced in the Land Court; 6 cases were disposed of by decrees of foreclosure and one case by payment of \$278.22 in settlement. Seven cases are now pending in the Court.

All legal matters relating to the Quannapowitt Drainage, covering the takings of easements and the settlement and payment of land damages have had my consideration.

The drafting of the Act Establishing the Representative Town Government by Limited Town Meetings, the passage thereof by the Legislature and the change over to the new form of government have all required my services.

There are still pending in the Courts, five suits against the Town. Several claims of various nature have been made against the Town, but none of these have been made the subject of suit. Five claims were made by the Town against individuals for damage to traffic signals or damage to electric light poles and other property of the Town. In these matters, one case was disposed of by trial in the District Court resulting in the collection of the damage and the other claims have been settled without the necessity of litigation.

As provided by the by-laws of the Town, I have performed every professional act required by me in the performance of the duties of my office, including in part appearances in Court and hearings before boards or commissions, opinions to all Town Boards, investigation of claims against the Town, drafting release deeds and other legal documents necessary in connection with municipal activities, by-laws, articles and motions for Town Meetings, Traffic and other rules and regulations, licenses, permits, proceedings before Probate Court relating to Board of Public Welfare, etc.

I desire to express my appreciation for the consideration shown me by the various Town Boards during the year. I have had prompt and efficient co-operation from the departments of the Town in connection with legal matters.

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL H. DAVIS,  
Town Counsel

## **REPORT OF MOTH SUPERINTENDENT**

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To the Honorable Board of Selectmen,  
Reading, Massachusetts  
Gentlemen:

I submit my report as Moth Superintendent for the year 1943.

There has been little change in the Gypsy Moth and Elm Leaf Beetle infestation in the past year.

There was a slight increase in the spraying on private property in 1943 over 1942. This is encouraging as this private spraying is of great assistance in the control of both Gypsy Moth and the Elm Leaf Beetle.

Through the cooperation of the school authorities we were able to employ High School boys during the spraying season. If we had not had this assistance it would have been impossible to operate all of our spraying equipment.

I take this opportunity to thank the Board of Selectmen, the Town Accountant, Mr. Sussmann, Principal of the High School, and all others who have assisted me in the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

MAURICE H. DONEGAN,  
Moth Superintendent

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## **REPORT OF TREE WARDEN**

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I submit my report as Tree Warden for 1943.

During the month of March the Tree Department had two men removing dead wood and small branches adjacent to the fire alarm wires. They also installed insulators where necessary to protect the large branches. The cost of this work was paid from the Fire Alarm account.

The oil spraying was about the same as in previous years.

The department planted one hundred and eighty-five maple trees on the roadside.

Due to the extremely high winds during the winter of '42 and '43, a large number of roadside trees suffered from freezing or winter-kill. This was especially noticeable on the Norway maples. Much more trimming was necessary because of this winter-kill than in a normal year, especially on the younger trees.

The tree work on private property increased slightly over other years. Due to the shortage of labor we have not been able to attend to this work as promptly as we would like to.

I wish to thank the employees of this department and all others who have assisted me in the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

MAURICE H. DONEGAN,  
Tree Warden

## REPORT OF BOARD OF HEALTH

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To the Citizens of Reading:

There were one hundred seventy-five diseases reported during the year 1943.

Chicken Pox .....	30
Dog Bite .....	36
German Measles .....	54
Lobar Pneumonia .....	3
Measles .....	21
Meningitis .....	1
Anterior Poliomyelitis .....	1
Pulmonary Tuberculosis .....	3
Scarlet Fever .....	23
Whooping Cough .....	3

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Respectfully submitted,

E. M. HALLIGAN, M.D.

C. R. BAISLEY, M.D.

C. F. ATKINSON,

Board of Health

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## REPORT OF BUILDING INSPECTOR

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January 24, 1944

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen,  
Gentlemen:

I hereby submit a building report for the year 1943:

Due to building restrictions as enforced by the WPB, there has not been very much activity in Reading as is true in other Cities and Towns, unless they were in war production areas, which Reading is not. However, here are the results of permits as issued with the estimated cost of same:

1	New dwelling .....	\$ 2,600.00
9	New garages .....	1,830.00
1	Camp .....	1,000.00
1	Summer house .....	150.00
30	Alterations and additions to all types of buildings .....	7,079.00
4	Hen houses .....	725.00
1	Tool house .....	500.00
1	Incubator house .....	500.00
1	Fruit and vegetable stand .....	100.00
1	Freight elevator installed in factory building .....	900.00

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50 Permits.

Total estimated cost of all building construction ..... \$ 15,384.00

The sum of fifty-four dollars (\$54.00) was received in fees for the above building permits.

I have investigated several complaints regarding building violations in respect to the zoning laws and have taken care that they were brought to the attention of the proper authorities.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE H. SIDEBOTTOM,  
Building Inspector

## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

For the Year 1943

### Valuation of Taxable Property

Buildings, exclusive of land .....		\$13,380,030
Land, exclusive of buildings .....		3,471,700
Personal Estate .....		738,564
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Total Taxable Valuation .....		\$17,590,294
Amount appropriated for Town		
Purposes .....	\$784,480.93	
Amount of overlay deficits .....	306.20	
Amount to be paid for State and		
County Taxes .....	53,316.63	
Amount of Overlay .....	27,350.50	
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		\$865,454.26
Less Estimated Receipts .....	\$221,502.95	
Excise Tax .....	25,000.00	
Available Funds .....	14,894.00	\$261,396.95
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Net Amount to be raised on Polls		
and Property .....		\$604,057.31

Tax Rate 1943—\$33.90 per M.

### Recapitulation

Real Estate Tax .....	\$571,277.63
Personal Tax .....	25,037.68
Poll Tax .....	7,742.00
Excise Tax .....	17,783.93
Moth Assessment .....	773.78
Betterments:	
Sidewalk and Curbing .....	1,598.02
House Connection .....	149.19
Sewer .....	416.45
Highway .....	2,505.33
Water Lien .....	351.67
Additional Polls .....	82.00
December Commitment .....	194.93
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	\$627,912.61



### Detail of State and County Taxes

State Tax 1943 .....	\$ 13,750.00
State Parks and Reservations .....	398.77
State Audit of Municipal Accounts .....	391.43
State Examination of Retirement System .....	359.86
Metropolitan Sewerage .....	14,079.21
County Tax, 1943 .....	19,563.52
Middlesex County Hospital Tax .....	4,773.84
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	\$ 53,316.63

### Valuation Comparison

	1942	1943	Inc.	Dec.
Valuation of Buildings ....	\$13,361,595	\$13,380,030	\$ 18,435	
Valuation of Land .....	3,476,375	3,471,950		\$ 4,425
Valuation of Personal Prop.	722,737	744,064	21,327	
Valuation of Town Prop...	1,510,135	1,504,000		6,135
Valuation of Exempted Prop.	565,145	609,560	44,415	
Valuation of Excise Tax...	763,840	520,735		243,105
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Total Town Valuation ..	\$20,399,827	\$20,230,339	\$ 84,177	\$ 253,665
Net Change in Valuation ..				\$ 169,488

Tax Rate (1942) \$35.00 Per M. (1943) \$33.90 Per M.

### Miscellaneous Data

	1942	1943	Inc.	Dec.
Number of Persons, Partnerships and Corporations assessed .....	3,065	3,093	28	
Number of Automobiles Assessed .....	3,313	3,114		199
Number of Polls .....	3,779	3,912	133	
Number of Horses .....	33	30		3
Number of Neat Cattle .....	198	168		30
Number of Swine .....	56	109	53	
Number of Fowl .....	17,662	18,328	666	

HAROLD B. CURRELL,  
FRANK E. GRAY,  
ARTHUR S. COOK,  
Board of Assessors

## REPORT OF COLLECTOR OF TAXES

For the Year Ended December 31, 1943

### Taxes and Assessments 1941

Uncollected December 31, 1942 .....	\$ 32,720.98	
Interest and Costs Collected .....	2,261.99	
Refund Account Taxes .....	17.40	
Paid Treasurer .....		\$ 34,025.89
Transferred to Tax Title .....		505.59
Abated .....		468.89
Uncollected December 31, 1943 .....		.00
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	\$ 35,000.37	\$ 35,000.37

### Taxes and Assessments 1942

Uncollected December 31, 1942 .....	\$103,320.77	
Committed 1943 .....	12.00	
Interest and Costs Collected .....	2,145.64	
Refund Account Taxes .....	366.33	
Refund Account Interest and Costs .....	3.80	
Paid Treasurer .....		\$ 80,639.84
Refund Account Interest and Costs .....		3.80
Refund Account Overpayment .....		147.06
Transferred to Tax Title .....		617.99
Abated .....		773.36
Uncollected December 31, 1943 .....		23,666.49
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	\$105,848.54	\$105,848.54

### Taxes and Assessments 1943

General Tax Warrant .....	\$627,912.61	
Interest and Costs Collected .....	495.13	
Refund Account Taxes .....	1,696.75	
Refund Account Interest and Costs .....	1.05	
Paid Treasurer .....		\$546,433.86
Refund Account Interest and Costs .....		1.05
Refund Account Overpayment .....		132.68
Transferred to Tax Title .....		1,824.21
Abated .....		8,599.57
Uncollected December 31, 1943 .....		73,114.17
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	\$630,105.54	\$630,105.54

### Sewer Rentals

Uncollected December 31, 1942 .....	\$ 1,700.82	
Committed 1943 .....	9,799.08	
Interest and Costs Collected .....	163.51	
Refund Account Rentals .....	3.22	
Refund Account Interest and Costs .....	.35	
Paid Treasurer .....		\$ 10,445.86
Refund Account Overpayment .....		1.61
Refund Account Interest and Costs .....		.35
Abated .....		15.12
Uncollected December 31, 1943 .....		1,204.04
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	\$ 11,666.98	\$ 11,666.98

### Highway Betterment

Uncollected December 31, 1942 .....	\$ 2,095.18	
Paid Treasurer .....		\$ 92.75
Deferred Payments .....		2,002.43
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	\$ 2,095.18	\$ 2,095.18
Advance Payments Apportioned Highway ....	\$ 265.75	
Interest Collected .....	.85	
Paid Treasurer .....		\$ 266.60
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	\$ 266.60	\$ 266.60

### Sidewalk Betterment

Uncollected December 31, 1942 .....	\$ 2,174.01	
Committed 1943 .....	49.87	
Paid Treasurer .....		\$ 253.68
Deferred Payment .....		1,920.33
Uncollected December 31, 1943 .....		49.87
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	\$ 2,223.88	\$ 2,223.88
Advance Payment Apportioned Sidewalk .....	\$ 288.10	
Interest Collected .....	1.68	
Paid Treasurer .....		\$ 289.78
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	\$ 289.78	\$ 289.78

#### **Sewer Betterment**

Committed 1943 .....	\$	347.39		
Uncollected December 31, 1943 .....			\$	347.39
	\$	347.39	\$	347.39
Advance Payment Apportioned Sewer .....	\$	86.74		
Paid Treasurer .....			\$	86.74
	\$	86.74	\$	86.74

#### **Sewer House Connection**

Uncollected December 31, 1942 .....	\$	291.88		
Committed 1943 .....		452.19		
Paid Treasurer .....			\$	160.24
Deferred Payments .....				131.64
Uncollected December 31, 1943 .....				452.19
	\$	744.07	\$	744.07

#### **Certificates**

Certificates of Municipal Liens .....	\$	66.00		
Paid Treasurer .....			\$	66.00

#### **Estate of Deceased Persons**

Uncollected December 31, 1942 .....	\$	908.16		
Committed 1943 .....		983.05		
Uncollected December 31, 1943 .....			\$	1,891.21
	\$	1,891.21	\$	1,891.21

#### **Recapitulation**

Total Receipts from Taxes and Assessments...	\$638,808.15			
Highway Assessments and Interest .....	359.35			
Sidewalk Assessments and Interest .....	543.46			
Sewer Assessments and Interest .....	10,532.60			
House Connections and Interest .....	160.24			
Motor Vehicles Assessments .....	17,388.98			
Interest Costs, etc. ....	4,968.46			
Paid to Treasurer as per Treasurer's Receipts..	\$672,761.24			
				\$672,761.24

WILLIAM E. MORRISON,  
Collector of Taxes

# REPORT OF THE TREASURER

## For the Year Ended December 31, 1943

The transactions in the General Cash Account, in summary form, were as follows:

Balance January 1, 1943 .....	\$ 292,713.35
Receipts .....	1,578,994.06
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	\$1,871,707.41
Disbursements .....	\$1,626,327.10
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Balance December 31, 1943 .....	\$ 245,380.31

### Notes Issued in Anticipation of Revenue

Outstanding January 1, 1943 .....	\$225,000.00	
Notes Issued in 1943 .....	None	\$225,000.00
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Notes Paid in 1943 .....	\$225,000.00	
Outstanding December 31, 1943 .....	None	\$225,000.00
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### Funded Debt

Outstanding January 1, 1943 .....	\$409,500.00	
Bonds and Notes Issued in 1943 .....	None	\$409,500.00
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Bonds and Notes Paid in 1943 .....	\$ 80,000.00	
Outstanding December 31, 1943 .....	329,500.00	\$409,500.00

### Chapter 90 Loans in Anticipation of Reimbursement

Outstanding January 1, 1943 .....	\$ 2,000.00	
Notes Issued in 1943 .....	1,500.00	\$ 3,500.00
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Notes Paid in 1943 .....	\$ 3,500.00	
Outstanding December 31, 1943 .....	None	\$ 3,500.00
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A more detailed statement of receipts and disbursements and a statement of the trust funds are presented in the report of the Town Accountant.

PRESTON F. NICHOLS,  
Treasurer





**Annual Report**

**of the**

**TOWN ACCOUNTANT**

**Receipts and Expenditures**

**For the Year ended December 31, 1943**

## RECEIPTS 1943

### TAXES

#### Current Year :

Property .....	\$518,017.56
Poll .....	5,946.00

#### Previous Years :

Property .....	108,948.44
Poll .....	28.00

\$632,940.00

Tax Title Redemptions ..... \$ 4,128.31

\$ 4,128.31

#### From the State :

Income .....	\$ 61,972.00
Corporation .....	36,697.31
Meal Tax, Chap. 729, Acts 1941 .....	3,084.18

\$101,753.49

### LICENSES AND PERMITS

#### Board of Selectmen :

Bowling and Pool .....	\$ 15.00
Theater .....	57.00
Inn Holder .....	1.00
Auctioneers .....	10.00
Common Victualers .....	22.00
Revolver .....	39.00
Second Hand Auto .....	10.00
Lord's Day .....	95.00
Peddlers .....	1.00
Taxi Cab .....	11.00
Trucking .....	10.00
Junk Dealers .....	20.00
Second Hand Furniture .....	2.00
Christmas Trees .....	5.00
Club .....	1.00

\$ 299.00

Board of Health:

Frozen Desserts .....	\$ 10.00
Pasteurization .....	20.00
Masseur .....	1.00
Undertaker .....	6.00
Day Nursery .....	1.00

\$ 38.00

TOWN CLERK

Dog Licenses:

For County .....	\$ 1,866.80
For Town .....	170.20

Fishing and Hunting:

For State .....	\$ 635.25
For Town .....	83.75
Recording Sales Contracts .....	2.00
Birth Certificates .....	98.00
Death Certificates .....	31.00
Marriage Licenses and Certificates .....	264.50
Certificate of Residence .....	.25
Certificate of Business .....	3.75
Certificate of Voters .....	2.00
Recording Mortgages and Discharges .....	181.50
Gasoline License Renewals .....	22.50
Affidavits .....	4.75
Recording Pole Locations .....	51.75
Dog License Transfer .....	.50
Dog Tags, Duplicate .....	2.00
Postage .....	1.43
Assignment of Wages and Mortgages .....	1.50
Certified paper .....	.25
Transfer of Interest .....	.75
Agreement .....	2.00

\$ 3,426.43

\*Dog License Fees:

Paid County \$1,846.40
Due County 34.80

Sporting License Fees:

Paid State \$642.75
Due State 5.25

# FINES AND FORFEITS

Court Fines ..... \$ 1,724.50

## GRANTS AND GIFTS

### From the State:

Highway, Chapter 90, Maint. .... \$ 1,287.41  
 Highway Special ..... 503.80

\$ 1,791.21

### From the County:

Dog License Fees ..... \$ 1,564.36  
 Highways Chapter 90 Maintenance .... 1,287.41

\$ 2,851.77

## SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS:

Moth and Tree ..... \$ 803.03  
 Sewer ..... 413.05  
 Sewer House Connections ..... 291.36  
 Sidewalk ..... 1,981.51  
 Highway ..... 2,390.22

\$ 5,879.17

## PRIVILEGES:

Motor Vehicle Excise Tax ..... \$ 17,388.98

\$ 17,388.98

## DEPARTMENTAL RECEIPTS:

### General Government:

Collector's Costs and Charges ..... \$ 633.45  
 Collector's Certificates ..... 66.00  
 Release Deeds ..... 1.00  
 Board of Appeal Adv. Hearings ..... 20.00

\$ 720.45

### Protection of Persons and Property:

Ambulance Fees ..... \$ 660.00  
 Bicycle Registration ..... 95.50

\$ 755.50

### Inspection:

Sealer of Weights and Measures Fees.. \$ 42.30  
 Inspector of Milk Fees ..... 20.50  
 Inspector of Building Fees ..... 57.00

\$ 119.80

Forestry:

Moth and Tree Work Bills .....	\$ 1,353.26	\$ 1,353.26
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Health and Sanitation:

Sewer Rentals .....	\$ 10,282.35	
Sewer Rentals Costs .....	98.00	
From the State. Subsidy .....	1,352.82	
Sundry Parties .....	854.00	

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\$ 12,587.17

Public Works:

Sundry Parties .....	\$ 388.66	
Rent of Equipment .....	.....	
Road Machinery Fund .....	11,967.26	
Comm. of Mass. Snow Plowing .....	382.50	
Sundry Parties Victory Gardens .....	529.70	

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\$ 13,218.12

Charities:

Reimbursement for General Aid:

From the State T. A. ....	\$ 3,343.82	
From Other Cities and Towns .....	1,605.05	

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\$ 4,948.87

Reimbursement for Aid Dependent Children:

From the State .....	\$ 8,999.54	\$ 8,999.54
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Reimbursement for Old Age Assistance:

From the State .....	\$ 50,667.50	
From Other Cities and Towns .....	1,565.80	

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\$ 52,233.30

Reimbursement for State Sick Poor:

From the State .....	\$ 208.95	\$ 208.95
Special Account .....	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00

Federal Grants:

Aid Dependent Children, Adm. ....	\$ 546.60	
Aid Dependent Children, Aid .....	3,939.00	
Old Age Assistance, Adm. ....	1,731.23	
Old Age Assistance, Aid .....	51,807.79	

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\$ 58,024.62

Soldiers' Benefits:

Reimbursement from State:

State Aid .....	\$	360.00	
Military Aid .....		422.50	
War Allowance .....		851.50	
			\$ 1,634.00

Schools:

Comm. of Mass. Tuition Child Guard. ..	\$	282.11	
City of Boston. Tuition City Wards ....		523.86	
Town of North Reading, Tuition .....		9,408.00	
Town of Andover, Tuition .....		119.00	
Sundry Parties, Tuition .....		350.00	
Cafeteria Receipts .....		13,702.32	
Miscellaneous Receipts .....		183.65	
			\$ 24,222.44

Library:

Fines, etc. ....	\$	712.59	
			\$ 712.59

PUBLIC SERVICE ENTERPRISES:

Light Department:

Sales, Light and Power .....	\$381,269.59	
Miscellaneous Receipts .....	59,788.33	
		\$441,057.92

Water Department:

Sales Water, etc. ....	\$ 55,559.94	
Water Liens .....	265.14	
		\$ 55,825.08

CEMETERIES:

Sales Lots and Graves .....	\$ 1,140.00	
Interest .....	4.11	
Care Lots and Graves .....	2,495.25	
Rent of House .....	240.00	
From Soldiers' Graves Account .....	32.00	
		\$ 3,911.36



INTEREST:

On Deferred Taxes .....	\$ 4,258.88	
On Deferred Betterment Assts. ....	875.29	
On Motor Vehicle Excise .....	7.06	
On Tax Title Redemptions .....	379.55	
On Water Liens .....	1.41	
On Sewer Rentals .....	65.51	
		\$ 5,587.70

MUNICIPAL INDEBTEDNESS:

Anticipation of Reimbursement Loans .....	\$ 1,500.00	
		\$ 1,500.00

AGENCY TRUST AND INVESTMENT:

Guarantee Deposits:		
Sewer House Connections .....	\$ 242.68	
Cemetery Work .....	190.00	
		\$ 432.68

Hospital Fund:		
Income Cash .....	\$ 2,536.50	
For Transfer .....	18,085.00	
		\$ 20,621.50

Cemetery Bequest Fund:		
Bequests .....	\$ 3,690.00	
Income — Cash .....	1,175.00	
For Transfer .....	10,000.00	
For Endowed Lots .....	2,295.73	
		\$ 17,160.73

Library Fund:		
For Transfer .....	\$ 55.50	\$ 55.50

R. H. S. Scholarship Fund:		
Income .....	\$ 100.00	
For Transfer .....	75.00	
		\$ 175.00

Victory Tax .....	\$ 10,232.81	
Withholding Tax .....	19,744.37	
		\$ 29,977.18
Salvage Fund .....	\$ 2,953.21	\$ 2,953.21

# REFUNDS:

Insurance .....	\$ 167.56
Municipal Building, Comm. of Mass. Int. ...	26.13
School .....	129.49
Land Court .....	115.50
Public Works .....	28.96
All Other .....	87.43
Damages .....	72.71
Recreation Account .....	22.85
Public Welfare .....	28.69
Veterans' Benefits .....	32.00
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	\$ 711.32

# RE-IMBURSEMENTS:

## Insurance Account:

Municipal Light Dept. ....	\$ 2,947.47
Water Dept. ....	1,849.77
Sewer Dept. ....	623.65
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	\$ 5,420.89

## Public Welfare Dept.:

General Aid .....	\$ 346.72
Aid Dependent Children .....	37.09
Old Age Assistance .....	160.46
Special Funds .....	282.51
Recovery Account .....	1,180.19
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	\$ 2,006.97

## Sundry Departments, Gas Tax:

W. P. A. ....	\$ 20.34
Road Mach. Fund .....	256.05
Quannapowitt Drainage .....	17.70
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	\$ 294.09

# UNCLASSIFIED:

Municipal Light Dept. to Treasury .....	\$ 35,000.00
Sale of Property .....	3,603.63
Peddler's License from State .....	16.00

Fire Loss Special .....	544.50
Tailings Account .....	117.83
Sale Material .....	41.10
Morrison Fund .....	3.00
Recreation Committee .....	73.65
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	\$ 39,399.71

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Total Receipts .....\$ 1,579,100.31

### RECAPITULATION OF RECEIPTS

#### General Revenue:

Taxes, Town .....	\$632,940.00
Taxes, State .....	101,753.49
Licenses and Permits .....	3,763.43
Grants and Gifts .....	4,642.98
Tax Title Redemption .....	4,128.31
Special Assessments .....	16,259.52
Motor Vehicle Excise .....	17,388.98
Departmental Accounts Receivable .....	85,667.32
General Government .....	15,353.30
Federal Grants .....	58,024.62
School Department .....	13,702.32

#### Public Service Enterprises:

Light Dept. ....	\$441,057.92
Water Dept. ....	55,825.08
Interest and Costs, etc. ....	6,287.15
Municipal Indebtedness .....	1,500.00
Agency Trust & Investment .....	71,375.80
Refunds and Reimbursements .....	8,433.27
Light Department to Treasury .....	35,000.00
Unclassified .....	5,996.82

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\$1,579,100.31

# APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES

	Balance from 1942	Appropriated 1943	Other Credits	Total	Payments	Transfers	Balance Dec. 31
<b>General Government:</b>							
Selectmen's Expenses .....	\$ 1,000.00			\$ 1,000.00	\$ 976.82		\$ 23.18
Selectmen's Clerical .....	1,000.00			1,000.00	1,000.00		
Town Accountant's Salary .....	1,600.00			1,600.00	1,596.78		3.22
Treasurer's Salary .....	1,500.00			1,500.00	1,500.00		
Treasurer's Expenses .....	700.00			700.00	567.73		132.27
Treasurer's Clerical .....	375.00			375.00	371.50		3.50
Collector's Salary .....	2,300.00			2,300.00	2,300.00		
Collector's Expenses .....	1,000.00			1,000.00	988.63		11.37
Collector's Clerical .....	600.00			600.00	600.00		
Assessors' Salaries .....	1,800.00			1,800.00	1,800.00		
Assessors' Expenses .....	1,100.00			1,100.00	1,097.21		2.69
Assessors' Clerical .....	2,921.63			2,921.63	2,921.63		
Town Counsel's Salary .....	1,250.00			1,250.00	1,250.00		
Town Counsel's Expenses .....	450.00			450.00	439.62		10.38
Town Clerk's Salary .....	1,050.00			1,050.00	1,050.00		
Town Clerk's Expenses .....	500.00			500.00	500.00		
Registrars' Salaries .....	330.75			330.75	330.75		
Registrars' Expenses, Special .....	600.00			600.00	591.55		8.45
Election and Registration Expense .....	700.00		50.00	750.00	715.32		34.68
Planning Board Expenses .....	125.00			125.00	85.00		40.00
Miscellaneous Expense .....	3,800.00		400.00	4,200.00	4,130.20		69.80
Municipal Building Maintenance ..	2,200.00		200.00	2,400.00	2,312.05		87.95
	\$ 26,902.38	\$	650.00	\$ 27,552.38	\$ 27,124.89		\$ 427.49

	Balance	Appropriated	Other					Balance
	from 1942	1943	Credits	Total	Payments	Transfers		Dec. 31
<b>Protection of Persons and Property:</b>								
Police Dept. Salaries .....		\$ 40,705.00		\$ 40,705.00	\$ 40,124.25		\$	580.75
Police Dept. Maintenance .....		5,000.00	\$ 51.50	5,051.50	4,806.88			244.62
Police Station Maintenance .....		1,480.00		1,480.00	1,400.24			79.76
Fire Dept. Salaries .....		21,830.00		21,830.00	21,205.54			624.46
Fire Dept. Callmen .....		3,369.00		3,369.00	2,972.27			396.73
O. O. Ordway Pension .....		1,300.00		1,300.00	1,300.00			
Fire Dept. Maintenance .....		3,725.00	236.95	3,961.95	3,954.98			6.97
Fire Stations Maintenance .....		1,600.00		1,600.00	1,570.01			29.99
Fire Alarm Maintenance .....		1,425.00	145.00	1,570.00	1,560.06			9.94
New Boxes .....		400.00		400.00	23.36	\$ 370.00		6.64
Hydrant Rentals .....		500.00		500.00	500.00			
Moth and Tree Depts. ....		10,000.00	750.00	10,750.00	10,692.07			57.93
Inspector of Buildings Salary .....		525.00		525.00	525.00			
Inspector of Wires Salary .....		200.00		200.00	200.00			
Sealer of Wts. and Meas. Salary ..		525.00		525.00	525.00			
Sealer of Wts. and Meas. Expenses		250.00		250.00	176.85			73.15
Game Warden Salary .....		100.00		100.00	100.00			
Dog Officer Salary .....		315.00		315.00	315.00			
	\$ 93,249.00		\$ 1,183.45	\$ 94,432.45	\$ 91,951.51	\$ 370.00	\$	2,110.94
<b>Health and Sanitation:</b>								
Board of Health Salaries .....	\$ 300.00			\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00			
Board of Health Expenses .....	275.00			275.00	187.75		\$	87.25
Inspector of Plumbing Salary .....	500.00			500.00	500.00			

	Balance Appropriated from 1942	1943	Other Credits	Total	Payments	Transfers	Balance Dec. 31
Inspector of Animals Salary .....		210.00		210.00	210.00		
Inspector of Milk and Food Salary .....		210.00		210.00	210.00		
Care of Contagious Diseases .....		5,000.00		5,000.00	4,995.16		4.84
Garbage Collection .....		2,800.00		2,800.00	2,800.00		
Dental Clinic .....		650.00		650.00	650.00		
Child Welfare .....		400.00		400.00	400.00		
	\$ 10,345.00			\$ 10,345.00	\$ 10,252.91		\$ 92.09
<b>Charities and Aid:</b>							
General Aid Administrative .....	\$	6,100.00	\$ 28.96	\$ 6,128.96	\$ 5,276.88		\$ 852.08
General Aid .....		28,600.00	310.55	28,910.55	17,508.16	\$ 6,150.00	\$ 5,252.39
Aid to Dependent Children Adm. ..		400.00	100.00	500.00	466.21		33.79
Aid to Dependent Children .....		13,000.00	37.09	13,037.09	12,336.35		700.74
A. D. C. Adm. Federal Grants ....			546.60	546.60	546.60		
A. D. C. Federal Grants .....		4,000.00	3,939.00	3,939.00	3,939.00		10.57
Old Age Assistance Administrative ..		63,900.00		4,000.00	3,989.43		
Old Age Assistance .....			3,284.87	67,184.87	64,921.57		2,263.30
Old Age Asst. Adm. Federal Grants ..			1,731.23	1,731.23	1,731.23		
Old Age Asst. Aid Federal Grants ..			51,807.79	51,807.79	51,807.79		
	\$116,000.00		\$ 61,786.09	\$177,786.09	\$162,523.22	\$ 6,150.00	\$ 9,112.87
Soldiers' Benefits .....	\$ 18,000.00		\$ 32.00	\$ 18,032.00	\$ 11,702.59	\$ 5,050.00	\$ 1,279.41
<b>Education:</b>							
School Dept. General Salaries ....		\$228,619.00		\$228,619.00	\$224,303.28	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 1,315.72
School Dept. General Maintenance ..		39,000.00	\$ 3,122.89	42,122.89	40,332.01		1,790.88
School Industrial Tuition .....		2,000.00		2,000.00	889.95	500.00	610.05



School Cafeterias .....	14,000.00	506.60	14,506.60	13,614.46	892.14
School Transportation .....	9,500.00		9,500.00	6,701.94	2,798.06
	\$293,119.00	\$ 3,629.49	\$296,748.49	\$285,841.64	\$ 7,406.85
Public Library Salaries .....	\$ 6,044.00	\$	\$ 6,044.00	\$ 6,043.73	\$ .27
Public Library Maintenance .....	3,300.00	.60	3,300.60	3,300.50	.10
	\$ 9,344.00	\$ .60	\$ 9,344.60	\$ 9,344.23	\$ .37

#### Cemeteries:

Laurel Hill and Forest Glen Cemeteries .....	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 3,709.73	\$ 13,709.73	\$ 13,598.88	\$ 110.85
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#### Public Works:

Administrative Expense .....	\$ 5,900.00		\$ 5,900.00	\$ 5,833.86	\$ 66.14
Highway Department .....	40,000.00		40,000.00	39,247.79	2.21
Snow and Ice Removal .....	12,000.00	\$ 1,500.00	13,500.00	12,153.78	1,346.22
Sidewalk Construction .....	3,300.00		3,300.00	2,832.77	467.23
Drainage Construction .....	4,200.00		4,200.00	4,200.00	
Maintenance Storm Drains .....	4,000.00		4,000.00	4,000.00	
Maintenance Town Dump .....	1,400.00		1,400.00	1,400.00	
Park Dept. ....	4,000.00		4,000.00	3,990.00	10.00
Sewer Dept. Maintenance .....	9,200.00		9,200.00	7,410.42	1,789.58
Sewer Dept. House Connections....	1,700.00		1,700.00	1,465.90	234.10
Water Dept. ....	52,400.00	28.69	52,428.69	45,426.03	7,002.66
Drinking Fountains .....	100.00		100.00	100.00	
Mineral St. Bridge Plan .....	\$ 250.00		250.00		250.00
Wescroft Road Betterment .....	1,850.90		1,850.90		1,850.90
Bond Street Betterment .....	26.96		26.96		26.96
Springvale Rd. Betterment .....	162.24		162.24		162.24

	Balance from 1942	Appropriated 1943	Other Credits	Total	Payments	Transfers	Balance Dec. 31
West Hill Circle Betterment .....	834.06			834.06			834.06
Drainage System Installation .....	2,920.98		2,017.70	4,938.68	2,760.41		2,178.27
Road Machinery Account .....	10,378.51		12,247.26	22,625.77		9,850.00	12,775.77
Special Comm. Low Cost Housing..	500.00			500.00			500.00
Harvard Street Betterment .....	351.20			351.20			351.20
Lewis St. Betterment .....	* 189.77			189.77			189.77
Relocation, Hopkins and Main Sts..	1.00			1.00			1.00
Highway Maintenance Chap. 90 ...	709.80		2,250.00	2,959.80	2,250.00	709.80	
	\$ 18,175.42	\$ 138,200.00	\$ 18,043.65	\$ 174,419.07	\$ 133,070.96	\$ 11,309.80	\$ 30,038.31
Recreational Activities .....			\$ 4,522.85	\$ 4,522.85	\$ 4,404.63		\$ 118.22
Road Machinery Fund .....	\$ 216.73		10,106.05	10,106.05	9,386.46		936.32
Victory Gardens .....			600.00	600.00	600.00		
<b>Unclassified:</b>							
Memorial Day Observance .....		\$ 600.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 733.30		\$ 16.70
Int., not incl. Water, Light, Sewer		5,621.25		5,621.25	2,828.14	\$ 2,000.00	793.11
Maturing Debt, not incl. Water, Light .....							
Insurance .....		47,000.00		47,000.00	47,000.00		
Contributory Retirement System...		15,850.90	5,448.89	21,299.79	20,320.10	600.00	379.69
Civilian Defense .....		18,507.90		18,507.90	18,507.90*		
W. P. A. Materials .....	1,297.69	6,534.50		7,832.19	6,650.08		1,182.11
Street Lighting .....	53.73	700.00	20.34	774.07	750.48		23.59
Land Court Expense Art. 6 .....		14,000.00		14,000.00	14,000.00		
		250.00		250.00	227.20		22.80

\* Tr. to Retirement System Account.

Reserve Fund Art. 7 .....	4,000.00		4,000.00	1,676.30	2,323.70
Care Soldiers' Graves Art. 8 .....	600.00		600.00		
Street List Publication Art. 9 .....	550.00		550.00		5.00
Middlesex Cty. Sanatorium Art. 11 .....	4,773.84		4,773.84		
Personal Injuries Art. 12 .....	13.00		13.00		
Rent Legion Quarters Art. 20 .....	1,500.00		1,500.00		
Town Forest Art. 21 .....	300.00	824.80	1,124.80		

	\$ 1,351.42	\$120,801.39	\$ 6,444.03	\$128,596.84	\$ 4,276.30	\$ 4,746.70
Honor Roll .....			\$ 800.00	\$ 628.77	\$	171.23
Tercenary Committee .....			200.00			200.00
Municipal Light Dept. ....	\$ 31,553.14		441,057.92	401,172.40		71,438.66
Light Dept. Underground Duct ....	1,431.59					1,431.59
Light Dept. Special Account .....	8,000.00			2,000.00		6,000.00

\$ 40,984.73 \$441,057.92 \$403,172.40 \$ 78,870.25

# Refunds:

Taxes 1941 R. E. ....	\$ 17.40
1942 Per. ....	3.43
1942 R. E. ....	217.75
1943 Poll .....	8.00
1943 R. E. ....	1,445.87
Motor Vehicle Excise 1943 .....	97.51
Moth 1942 .....	1.00
1943 .....	12.00

	Balance Appropriated from 1942 1943	Other Credits	Total	Payments	Transfers	Balance Dec. 31
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Sewer Rentals .....				1.61		
Highway Int. 1942 .....				.46		
Highway Int. 1943 .....				.69		
Tax Titles .....				17.01		
Water Dept. ....				99.48		
Estimated Receipts .....				4.64		

#### Other Payments:

Hospital Fund .....				\$ 18,335.87		
Cemetery Bequest Fund .....				15,255.00		
R. H. S. Scholarship Fund .....				175.00		
Public Welfare Special Account .....				50.00		
Morrison Fund .....				25.00		
Tailings Account .....				77.23		
Sewer H. C. Account .....				30.50		
Cemetery Account .....				13.50		
Dog License Fees to County .....				1,846.20		
Public Welfare Special Account .....				5.00		
Salvage Fund .....				78.70		
Fishing and Hunting License Fees to State .....				642.75		
H. G. Wadlin Library Fund .....				55.50		
Victory Tax .....				10,232.81		
Withholding Tax .....				15,615.11		
Middlesex County Tax .....				20,641.07		

Met. Sewer Assis. ....	14,211.72
State Tax .....	13,750.00
State Parks and Reservations .....	381.67
State Audit Municipal Accounts .....	391.43
State Audit Retirement System .....	359.86
Temporary Loans Anticipation Revenue .....	225,000.00
Temporary Loans Anticipation Reimbursements .....	3,500.00
Rec. Comm. Cash .....	65.00
Recovery Account .....	590.65
Total Payments .....	<u>\$ 1,626,433.35</u>

## RECAPITULATION OF PAYMENTS

Departmental Expenditures .....	\$754,068.06
Public Service Enterprises:	
Municipal Light Dept. ....	403,172.40
Water Dept. ....	45,426.03
Interest, not incl. Water, Light, Sewer .....	2,828.14
Funded Debt, not incl. Water and Light .....	47,000.00
Temporary Loans .....	228,500.00
Agency, Trust and Investment .....	62,438.17
State and County Taxes .....	54,509.59
Refunds, Taxes, etc. ....	1,822.73
W. P. A. Materials .....	750.48
Contributory Retirement Fund .....	18,507.90
Civilian Defense .....	6,650.08
Unclassified .....	759.77
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	\$1,626,433.35

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## TREASURER'S CASH

Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1943 .....	\$292,713.35
Receipts 1943 .....	1,579,100.31
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	\$1,871,813.66
Payments 1943 .....	1,626,433.35
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Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1943 .....	\$245,380.31



# ACCOUNTING TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS 1943

Account, Taxes and Assessments	Outstanding Jan. 1, 1943	Commitments	Refunds	Cash	Abatements	Trans. to Tax Titles	Appor- tioned	Outstanding Dec. 31, 1943
Taxes 1941 Personal Estate .....	\$ 1,229.97			\$ 884.62	\$ 345.35			
1941 Real Estate .....	31,114.83		\$ 17.40	30,553.25	123.54	\$ 455.44		
1942 Poll .....	222.00			28.00	194.00			
1943 Poll .....		\$ 7,824.00	8.00	5,946.00	1,824.00			\$ 62.00
1942 Personal Estate .....	1,814.59		3.43	977.48	174.48			666.06
1943 Personal Estate .....		25,224.13		23,896.28	179.85			1,148.00
1942 Real Estate .....	99,707.92		217.75	76,533.09	147.00	565.27		22,680.31
1943 Real Estate .....		571,286.11	1,445.87	494,121.28	6,216.12	1,683.37		70,711.21
Motor Vehicle Excise 1942 .....	462.64	12.00		217.22	257.42			
Motor Vehicle Excise 1943 .....		17,783.93	97.51	17,171.76	378.91			330.77
Moth and Tree Work Assts. 1941 .....	28.50			28.50				
Moth and Tree Work Assts. 1942 .....	105.00		1.00	78.25		4.00		23.75
Moth and Tree Work Assts. 1943 .....		773.78	12.00	696.28		4.00		85.50
Sewer Rentals .....	1,700.82	9,799.08	1.61	10,282.35	15.12			1,204.04
Sewer Assts. Unapportioned .....		347.39						347.39
Sewer Assts. to Taxes 1941 .....	5.54			5.54				5.52
Sewer Assts. to Taxes 1942 .....	60.83			55.31				64.12
Sewer Assts. to Taxes 1943 .....		334.48		265.46		4.90		
Sewer Assts. Int. to Taxes 1941 .....	8.98			8.98				
Sewer Assts. Int. to Taxes 1942 .....	17.18			16.45				.73
Sewer Assts. Int. to Taxes 1943 .....		81.97		65.68		.98		15.31
Sewer H. C. Assts. Unapportioned .....	291.88	452.19		160.24			131.64	452.19
Sewer H. C. Assts. to Taxes 1941 .....	9.56			9.56				

# ACCOUNTING TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS 1943 (continued)

Account. Taxes and Assessments	Outstanding Jan. 1, 1943	Commitments	Refunds	Cash	Abatements	Trans. to Tax Titles	Appor- tioned	Outstanding Dec. 31, 1943
Sewer H. C. Assts. to Taxes 1942 .....	30.58			19.37				11.21
Sewer H. C. Assts. to Taxes 1943 .....		129.32		102.19				27.13
Sewer H. C. Assts. Int. to Taxes 1941	.43			.43				
Sewer H. C. Assts. Int. to Taxes 1942	3.88			.98				2.90
Sewer H. C. Assts. Int. to Taxes 1943		19.87		15.61				4.26
Sidewalk Assts. Unapportioned .....	2,174.01	49.87		253.68			1,920.33	49.87
Sidewalk Assts. to Taxes 1941 .....	88.22			88.22				
Sidewalk Assts. to Taxes 1942 .....	230.61			140.78				89.83
Sidewalk Assts. to Taxes 1943 .....		1,344.99		1,210.73				134.26
Sidewalk Assts. Int. to Taxes 1941 .....	17.95			17.95				
Sidewalk Assts. Int. to Taxes 1942 .....	41.03			29.98				11.05
Sidewalk Assts. Int. to Taxes 1943 .....		253.03		226.23				26.80
Highway Assts. Apportioned .....	2,095.18			92.75			2,002.43	
Highway Assts. to Taxes 1941 .....	159.05			123.23		35.82		
Highway Assts. to Taxes 1942 .....	478.94			310.73		35.82		132.39
Highway Assts. to Taxes 1943 .....		2,020.84		1,597.76		70.33		352.75
Highway Assts. Int. to Taxes 1941 .....	48.46			34.13		14.33		
Highway Assts. Int. to Taxes 1942 .....	104.46		.46	63.49	.46	12.90		28.07
Highway Assts. Int. to Taxes 1943 .....		484.49	.69	392.85	.69	20.50		71.14
Water Liens to Taxes 1941 .....	9.49			9.49				
Water Liens to Taxes 1942 .....	41.11			26.44				14.67
Water Liens to Taxes 1943 .....		351.67		230.62		40.13		80.92
Sewer Assts. paid in advance .....		73.47		73.47				
Sewer Assts. H. C. paid in advance ..		13.27		13.27				

Sidewalk Assts. paid in advance .....	288.10	288.10			
Sidewalk Assts. Int. paid in advance .....	1.68	1.68			
Highway Assts. paid in advance .....	265.75	265.75			
Highway Assts. Int. paid in advance .....	.85	.85			
Sewer Rental Int. and Costs .....	163.51	163.51			
Interest on Taxes .....	4,258.88	4,258.88			
Interest on Motor Vehicle Excise .....	7.06	7.06			
Collector's Certificates .....	66.00	66.00			
Collector's Costs .....	633.45	633.45			
Water Liens .....	266.55	266.55			
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	\$142,303.64	\$644,345.16	\$ 1,805.72,	\$ 9,856.94	\$ 4,054.40
			\$672,761.24	\$ 2,947.79	\$ 98,834.15

# BETTERMENT ASSESSMENTS NOT DUE

## Sewer H. C. Assessments

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1943 .....	\$ 409.26	
Apportioned 1943-1953 .....	131.64	
Cash, Advanced Payments .....		\$ 13.27
Added to Taxes, 1943 .....		129.32
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1943 .....		398.31
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	\$ 540.90	\$ 540.90

## Sewer Assessments

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1943 .....	\$ 2,049.75	
Cash, Advanced Payments .....		\$ 73.47
Added to Taxes, 1943 .....		334.48
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1943 .....		1,641.80
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	\$ 2,049.75	\$ 2,049.75

## Sidewalk Assessments

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1943 .....	\$ 5,003.87	
Apportioned 1943-1952 .....	1,920.33	
Cash, Advance Payments .....		\$ 288.10
Added to Taxes, 1943 .....		1,344.99
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1943 .....		5,291.11
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	\$ 6,924.20	\$ 6,924.20

## Highway Assessments

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1943 .....	\$ 10,842.07	
Apportioned 1943-1952 .....	2,002.43	
Cash Advanced Payments .....		\$ 265.74
Added to Taxes, 1943 .....		2,020.84
Adjustments .....		19.52
Abatements .....		17.33
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1943 .....		10,521.07
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	\$ 12,844.50	\$ 12,844.50

## Tax Titles:

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1943 .....	\$ 7,906.16	
Taxes on Property taken .....	3,068.46	
Refund .....	17.01	
Cash, Redemption of Property .....		\$ 4,128.31
Taxes on property foreclosed .....		495.17
Abatements .....		44.07
Balance Dec. 31, 1943 .....		6,324.08
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	\$ 10,991.63	\$ 10,991.63

Tax Title Possessions:

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1943 .....	\$ 6,047.31	
Taxes on property foreclosed .....	495.17	
Adjustment .....	59.22	
Cash .....		\$ 255.00
Adjustment of Taxes .....		1,439.50
Balance Dec. 31, 1943 .....		4,907.20
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	\$ 6,601.70	\$ 6,601.70

State Aid—Highways:

Due from State Jan. 1, 1943 .....	\$ 463.38	
Allotment 1943 .....	750.00	
Adjustment .....	310.63	
Receipts .....		\$ 1,287.41
Adjustment .....		236.60
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	\$ 1,524.01	\$ 1,524.01

County Aid—Highways:

Due from County Jan. 1, 1943 .....	\$ 517.01	
Allotment 1943 .....	750.00	
Adjustment .....	310.63	
Receipts .....		\$ 1,287.41
Adjustment .....		290.23
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	\$ 1,577.64	\$ 1,577.64

Overlay 1941:

Balance Deficit Jan. 1, 1943 .....	\$ 306.20	
Appropriation 1943 .....		\$ 306.20
Abatements .....	468.89	
Balance Deficit Dec. 31, 1943 .....		468.89
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	\$ 775.09	\$ 775.09

Overlay 1942:

Balance January 1, 1943 .....		\$ 9,931.90
Abatements .....	\$ 515.48	
Balance Dec. 31, 1943 .....	9,416.42	
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	\$ 9,931.90	\$ 9,931.90

Overlay 1943:

Appropriation .....		\$ 27,350.50
Abatements .....	\$ 8,264.04	
Balance Dec. 31, 1943 .....	19,086.46	
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	\$ 27,350.50	\$ 27,350.50

Water Dept. Rates, etc.:

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1943 .....	\$ 4,363.71	
Commitments .....	56,067.13	
Cash Refunds .....	99.48	
Cash Receipts .....		\$ 55,559.94
Discounts and Credits .....		430.58
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1943 .....		4,539.80
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	\$ 60,530.32	\$ 60,530.32

Water Liens Added to Taxes 1941:

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1943 .....	\$ 9.49	
Cash .....		\$ 9.49

Water Liens Added to Taxes 1942:

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1943 .....	\$ 41.11	
Cash .....		\$ 26.44
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1943 .....		14.67
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	\$ 41.11	\$ 41.11

Water Liens Added to Taxes 1943:

Commitments .....	\$ 351.67	
Cash .....		\$ 230.62
Transferred to Tax Titles .....		40.13
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1943 .....		80.92
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	\$ 351.67	\$ 351.67

Water Reserve:

Receipts Water Liens .....	\$ 266.55	
Receipts in excess of estimate .....	3,159.94	
Balance from Water Dept. Maint. Acct. ....	7,002.66	
Transferred to Water Available Surplus .....		10,429.15
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	\$ 10,429.15	\$ 10,429.15

Water Dept. Available Surplus:

Balance from 1942 .....		\$ 16,887.66
Transferred from Water Reserve .....		10,429.15
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		\$ 27,316.81

Light Dept. Rates, etc.:

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1943 .....	\$ 36,531.55	
Commitments .....	474,656.38	
Adjustment .....	1.98	
Cash .....		\$438,102.38



Discounts and Credits .....		32,962.95
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1943 .....		40,124.58
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	\$ 511,189.91	\$ 511,189.91
Light Dept. Consumer's Deposits:		
Balance Jan. 1, 1943 .....	\$ 11,439.54	
Cash Receipts .....	4,974.00	
Cash Refunds .....		\$ 3,973.00
Balance Dec. 31, 1943 .....		12,440.54
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	\$ 16,413.54	\$ 16,413.54
Cemetery Reserve Fund:		
Balance Jan. 1, 1943 .....		\$ 5,274.91
Cash Receipts .....		1,144.11
Transferred to Cemeteries Maintenance ..	\$ 1,000.00	
Balance Dec. 31, 1943 .....	5,419.02	
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	\$ 6,419.02	\$ 6,419.02

#### DEPARTMENTAL ACCOUNTS

##### Accounts Receivable:

Welfare and Old Age Assist., Outside Relief:		
Outstanding January 1, 1943 .....	\$ 8,608.28	
Commitments .....	66,200.81	
Cash .....		\$ 66,390.66
Adjustments .....		12.00
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1943 .....		8,406.43
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	\$ 74,809.09	\$ 74,809.09

##### Health Department:

Outstanding January 1, 1943 .....	\$ 7,919.26	
Commitments .....	1,732.73	
Cash .....		\$ 2,206.82
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1943 .....		7,445.17
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	\$ 9,651.99	\$ 9,651.99

##### School Department Tuition:

Outstanding January 1, 1943 .....	\$ 5,255.01	
Commitments .....	10,735.76	
Cash .....		10,336.47
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1943 .....		5,654.30
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	\$ 15,990.77	\$ 15,990.77

##### State and Military Aid:

Outstanding January 1, 1943 .....	\$ 782.50	
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Commitment .....	535.00	
Cash .....		\$ 782.50
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1943 .....		535.00
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	\$ 1,317.50	\$ 1,317.50
World War Allowance:		
Outstanding January 1, 1943 .....	\$ 851.50	
Commitment .....	1,917.24	
Cash .....		\$ 851.50
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1943 .....		1,917.24
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	\$ 2,768.74	\$ 2,768.74
Sundry Accounts:		
Outstanding January 1, 1943 .....	\$ 2,412.32	
Commitments .....	6,468.14	
Cash .....		\$ 4,823.37
Transferred to Taxes .....		769.78
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1943 .....		3,287.31
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	\$ 8,880.46	\$ 8,880.46

### CLASSIFICATION OF PAYMENTS

#### General Government:

Selectmen's Expenses, Appropriation .....		\$ 1,000.00
Telephone .....	\$ 110.92	
Printing and Stationery .....	138.00	
Postage and Box Rent .....	21.00	
Towel Supply .....	15.60	
Selectmen's Assn. ....	14.25	
Reimbursement for Expenses .....	523.55	
Land Survey .....	38.00	
Town Bounds .....	90.00	
All Other .....	25.50	
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Total Payments .....	\$ 976.82	
Balance to Revenue .....	23.18	
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	\$ 1,000.00	
Selectmen's Clerical, Appropriation .....		\$ 1,000.00
Salary, Clerk .....	\$ 1,000.00	
Town Accountant's Salary, Appropriation ....		\$ 1,600.00
Salary, Town Accountant .....	\$ 1,596.78	
Balance to Revenue .....	3.22	
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	\$ 1,600.00	

Treasurer's Salary, Appropriation .....		\$ 1,500.00
Salary, Treasurer .....	\$ 1,500.00	
Treasurer's Expenses, Appropriation .....		\$ 700.00
Telephone .....	\$ 55.78	
Postage .....	328.50	
Office Supplies and Equipment .....	158.95	
Certifying Notes .....	2.00	
All Other .....	22.50	
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Total Payments .....	\$ 567.73	
Balance to Revenue .....	132.27	
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	\$ 700.00	
Treasurer's Clerical, Appropriation .....		\$ 375.00
Clerk Hire .....	\$ 371.50	
Balance to Revenue .....	3.50	
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	\$ 375.00	
Collector's Salary, Appropriation .....		\$ 2,300.00
Salary, Collector .....	\$ 2,300.00	
Collector's Expenses, Appropriation .....		\$ 1,000.00
Telephone .....	\$ 42.50	
Postage .....	490.95	
Books and Printing .....	338.87	
Advertising .....	24.00	
Towel Supply .....	8.40	
Office Supplies and Equipment .....	55.51	
Registry of Deeds .....	18.45	
All Other .....	9.95	
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Total Payments .....	\$ 988.63	
Balance to Revenue .....	11.37	
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	\$ 1,000.00	
Collector's Clerical, Appropriation .....		\$ 600.00
Clerk Hire .....	\$ 600.00	
Board of Assessors' Salaries, Appropriation....		\$ 1,800.00
Salaries, Assessors .....	\$ 1,800.00	
Board of Assessors' Expenses .....		\$ 1,100.00
Assistant Assessors .....	\$ 149.00	
Telephone .....	43.42	
Postage .....	16.00	
Towel Supply .....	8.40	
Office Supplies and Printing .....	225.82	

Travel and Auto Hire .....	114.15	
Registry of Deeds .....	37.97	
Association Meetings, etc. ....	55.55	
Plans and Corrections .....	447.00	
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Total payments .....	\$ 1,097.31	
Balance to Revenue .....	2.69	
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	\$ 1,100.00	
Board of Assessors', Clerical, Appropriation ...		\$ 2,921.63
Salaries, Clerks .....	\$ 2,921.63	
Town Counsel's Salary, Appropriation .....		\$ 1,250.00
Salary, Town Counsel .....	\$ 1,250.00	
Town Counsel's Expenses, Appropriation .....		\$ 450.00
Stenographic Services .....	\$ 325.45	
Telephone and Misc. ....	27.95	
Court Costs and Witness Fees .....	2.96	
Stationery and Supplies .....	22.90	
Decisions and Annotated Laws .....	31.96	
Postage, Carfare, etc. ....	28.40	
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Total Payments .....	\$ 439.62	
Balance to Revenue .....	10.38	
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	\$ 450.00	
Town Clerk's Salary, Appropriation .....		\$ 1,050.00
Salary, Town Clerk .....	\$ 1,050.00	
Town Clerk's Expenses, Appropriation .....		\$ 500.00
Vital Statistics .....	12.25	
Stenographer's Services .....	300.00	
Postage, Printing and Stationery .....	179.75	
All Other .....	8.00	
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Total Payments .....	\$ 500.00	
Board of Registrars', Salaries, Appropriation..		\$ 330.75
Salaries, Board of Registrars .....	\$ 330.75	
Board of Registrars', Expenses, Spec. Appro...		\$ 600.00
Clerical .....	\$ 553.25	
Auto Hire .....	22.75	
Stationery and Printing .....	15.55	
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Total Payments .....	\$ 591.55	
Balance to Revenue .....	8.45	
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	\$ 600.00	

Election and Registration Expenses, Appro...	\$	700.00	
Transfer from Reserve Fund .....		50.00	
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	\$	750.00	
Election Officers .....	\$	231.00	
Printing and Adv. Warrants .....		132.80	
Installing Booths .....		31.60	
Rent of Hall .....		122.00	
Voting Lists, Ballots, Etc. ....		167.00	
Meals .....		19.80	
All Other .....		11.12	
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Total Payments .....	\$	715.32	
Balance to Revenue .....		34.68	
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	\$	750.00	
Planning Board Expenses, Appropriation .....			\$ 125.00
Mass. Fed. of Planning Board .....	\$	15.00	
Stationery .....		9.75	
Printing, Books and Supplies .....		26.25	
Notice of Public Hearing .....		5.00	
Copies of Zoning Map .....		29.00	
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Total Payments .....	\$	85.00	
Balance to Revenue .....		40.00	
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	\$	125.00	
Miscellaneous Expense, Appropriation .....			\$ 3,800.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund .....			400.00
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			\$ 4,200.00
Clerical .....	\$	1,390.75	
Printing Town Report .....		1,529.00	
Other Printing and Stationery .....		210.08	
Old South Clock, Care and Lighting .....		71.13	
Finance Committee Expense .....		148.45	
Board of Appeal Expense .....		63.00	
Inspector of Wires Expense .....		28.75	
Inspector of Building Expense .....		4.00	
Dog Officers Expenses .....		63.84	
Office Equipment .....		34.50	
Traffic Control, Pearl St. ....		567.00	
All Other .....		19.70	
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Total Payments .....	\$ 4,130.20	
Balance to Revenue .....	69.80	
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	\$ 4,200.00	
Civilian Defense:		
Balance from 1942 .....		\$ 1,297.69
Appropriation 1943 .....		6,534.50
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		\$ 7,832.19
Rationing Board .....	\$ 1,965.44	
A. R. P. Report Center .....	975.52	
Aircraft Warning Post .....	146.63	
Women's War Services .....	66.88	
Air Raid Wardens .....	7.96	
Medical and Health Units .....	63.45	
Auxiliary Police .....	505.37	
Auxiliary Fire Dept. ....	438.34	
Public Works and Publicity .....	3.03	
Transportation Division .....	14.90	
Center School Maintenance .....	2,369.46	
All Other .....	93.10	
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Total Payments .....	\$ 6,650.08	
Balance to 1943 .....	1,182.11	
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	\$ 7,832.19	
Municipal Building Maintenance, Appro. ....		\$ 2,200.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund .....		200.00
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		\$ 2,400.00
Janitor's Services .....	\$ 1,166.60	
Janitor's Supplies .....	142.97	
Fuel .....	275.01	
Lighting .....	408.80	
Water and Sewer .....	23.07	
Ash Removal .....	10.75	
Repairs, Buildings and Grounds .....	221.89	
Flags .....	62.96	
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Total Payments .....	\$ 2,312.05	
Balance to Revenue .....	87.95	
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	\$ 2,400.00	



**Protection of Persons and Property:**

Police Dept. Salaries, Appropriation .....		\$ 40,705.00
Salary, Chief .....	\$ 3,087.00	
Salaries, Sergeants .....	5,292.00	
Salaries, Patrolmen .....	29,844.50	
Reserve Officer .....	11.00	
Special Police Protection .....	425.00	
Clerk .....	1,364.75	
Keeper of Lock Up .....	100.00	
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Total Payments .....	\$ 40,124.25	
Balance to Revenue .....	580.75	
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	\$ 40,705.00	
Police Dept. Maintenance, Appro. ....		\$ 5,000.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund .....		51.50
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		\$ 5,051.50
Chief's Expenses .....	\$ 40.30	
Telephone .....	189.75	
Gasoline .....	696.89	
Traffic Lights .....	780.98	
Traffic Lanes .....	269.45	
Radio Repairs .....	298.70	
Printing and Stationery .....	98.71	
Coats and Caps .....	50.00	
Automobile Repairs .....	711.39	
Target Practice .....	97.89	
Teletype Expense .....	547.42	
Station Signals .....	28.75	
New Car .....	875.07	
Bicycle Expense .....	32.25	
All Other .....	88.53	
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Total Payments .....	\$ 4,806.88	
Balance to Revenue .....	244.62	
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	\$ 5,051.50	
Police Station Maintenance, Appropriation ....		\$ 1,480.00
Water and Sewer .....	\$ 34.00	
Gas and Electricity .....	209.58	
Fuel .....	291.28	
Repairs .....	85.70	
Janitor's Supplies .....	75.58	

Janitor's Salary .....	675.00	
Laundry .....	29.10	
Total Payments .....	\$ 1,400.24	
Balance to Revenue .....	79.76	
	\$ 1,480.00	
Fire Dept. Salaries, Appropriation .....		\$ 21,830.00
Salary, Chief .....	\$ 2,866.50	
Salary, Deputy Chief .....	2,646.00	
Salary, Captain .....	2,535.75	
Salary, Lieutenant .....	2,425.50	
Salaries, Men .....	10,731.79	
Total Payments .....	\$ 21,205.54	
Balance to Revenue .....	624.46	
	\$ 21,830.00	
Fire Dept. Salaries, Call Men, Appro. ....		\$ 3,369.00
Salary, Captain .....	\$ 177.00	
Salaries, Men .....	2,795.27	
Total Payments .....	\$ 2,972.27	
Balance to Revenue .....	396.73	
	\$ 3,369.00	
O. O. Ordway, Pension, Appropriation .....		\$ 1,300.00
Pension Payments .....	\$ 1,300.00	
Fire Dept. Maintenance, Appropriation .....		\$ 3,725.00
Transfer from New Boxes Account .....		225.00
Refund .....		11.95
		\$ 3,961.95
Telephone .....	\$ 202.79	
Laundry .....	245.80	
Bedding, etc. ....	64.84	
Motor Apparatus .....	1,250.43	
Gasoline and Oil .....	335.27	
Repairs to Other Equipment .....	96.29	
New Hose .....	900.00	
New Appliances .....	112.11	
Equipment and Supplies .....	249.63	
Office Expenses .....	112.41	
Boots, Coats, etc. ....	141.78	

Forest Fires .....	161.40	
All Other .....	82.23	
Total Payments .....	\$ 3,954.98	
Balance to Revenue .....	6.97	
	\$ 3,961.95	
Fire Stations Maintenance, Appropriation ....		\$ 1,600.00
Central Station:		
Fuel .....	\$ 386.48	
Lighting .....	93.66	
Gas .....	61.13	
Water and Sewer .....	52.80	
Supplies .....	210.56	
Repairs to Building .....	29.67	
	\$ 834.30	
Engine 2 House:		
Fuel .....	\$ 354.47	
Lighting .....	41.75	
Water and Sewer .....	12.00	
Supplies .....	36.37	
Repairs .....	85.12	
Furnishings .....	106.00	
Steward .....	100.00	
	\$ 735.71	
Total Payments .....	\$ 1,570.01	
Balance to Revenue .....	29.99	
	\$ 1,600.00	
Fire Alarm Maintenance, Appropriation.....		\$ 1,425.00
Transfer from New Boxes Account .....		145.00
		\$ 1,570.00
Supt.'s Salary .....	\$ 250.00	
Pay Rolls .....	649.87	
Maintenance Truck .....	21.15	
Power .....	52.37	
Supplies and Equipment .....	567.17	
All Other .....	19.50	
Total Payments .....	\$ 1,560.06	

Balance to Revenue .....	9.94	
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	\$ 1,570.00	
Fire Alarm, New Boxes, Appropriation .....		\$ 400.00
Pay Rolls .....	\$ 23.36	
Transferred to Fire Dept. Maint. ....	225.00	
Transferred to Fire Alarm Maint. ....	145.00	
Balance to Revenue .....	6.64	
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	\$ 400.00	
Moth and Tree Dept. Maint., Appropriation...		\$ 10,000.00
Transfer from Public Welfare Account .....		750.00
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		\$ 10,750.00
Salary, Tree Warden .....	\$ 420.00	
Salary, Moth Supt. ....	2,050.72	
Pay Roll .....	4,895.95	
Telephone .....	55.74	
Barn Rent .....	144.00	
Truck and Sprayer Expense .....	710.46	
Printing and Postage .....	67.85	
Trees .....	382.72	
Arsenate Lead, Sticker, etc. ....	1,763.93	
Other Supplies and Maintenance .....	200.70	
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Total Payments .....	\$ 10,692.07	
Balance to Revenue .....	57.93	
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	\$ 10,750.00	
Hydrant Rentals, Appropriation .....		\$ 500.00
Water Department .....	\$ 500.00	
Drinking Fountains, Appropriation .....		\$ 100.00
Water Department .....	\$ 100.00	
Inspector of Buildings, Salary Appro. ....		\$ 525.00
Salary, Inspector .....	\$ 525.00	
Inspector of Wires, Salary, Appropriation ....		\$ 200.00
Salary, Inspector .....	\$ 200.00	
Sealer of Weights and Measures,		
Salary, Appropriation .....		\$ 525.00
Salary, Sealer .....	\$ 525.00	
Sealer of Weights and Measures,		
Expenses, Appropriation .....		\$ 250.00
Transportation Weights and Measures ....	\$ 175.00	

Supplies .....	1.85	
Total Payments .....	\$ 176.85	
Balance to Revenue .....	73.15	
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	\$ 250.00	
Board of Health, Salaries, Appropriation.....		\$ 300.00
Salary, Secretary .....	\$ 150.00	
Salaries, Other Members .....	150.00	
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Total Payments .....	\$ 300.00	
Board of Health, Expenses, Appropriation ....		\$ 275.00
Telephone .....	\$ 50.59	
Printing and Stationery .....	1.86	
Insp. Milk and Food .....	51.00	
Disposition of Animals .....	44.50	
Supplies .....	38.00	
All Other .....	1.80	
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Total Payments .....	\$ 187.75	
Balance to Revenue .....	87.25	
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	\$ 275.00	
Inspector of Plumbing, Salary, Appro. ....		\$ 500.00
Salary, Inspector .....	\$ 500.00	
Care of Contagious Diseases, Appro. ....		\$ 5,000.00
Middlesex County Sanatorium .....	\$ 3,078.25	
Mass. Memorial Hospital .....	1,167.00	
Medical Care .....	235.00	
Health Inspection .....	300.00	
Rabies Innoculation .....	54.50	
Supplies .....	101.61	
City of Cambridge .....	32.00	
All Other .....	26.80	
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Total Payments .....	\$ 4,995.16	
Balance to Revenue .....	4.84	
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	\$ 5,000.00	
Garbage Collection, Appropriation .....		\$ 2,800.00
Contract Payments .....	\$ 2,800.00	
Dog Officer's Salary, Appropriation .....		\$ 315.00
Salary, Dog Officer .....	\$ 315.00	

Inspector of Milk and Food, Salary Appro. ....	\$	210.00
Salary, Inspector .....	\$	210.00
Dental Clinic, Appropriation .....	\$	650.00
Expenses .....	\$	650.00
Inspector of Animals, Salary, Appro. ....	\$	210.00
Salary, Inspector .....	\$	210.00
Game Warden's Salary, Appropriation .....	\$	100.00
Salary, Game Warden .....	\$	100.00
Child Welfare Work, Appro. ....	\$	400.00
Expenses .....	\$	400.00
Street Lighting .....	\$	14,000.00
Municipal Light Department .....	\$	14,000.00

#### **General Aid Administrative 1943**

Appropriation .....	\$	6,100.00
Refund .....		28.96
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	\$	6,128.96

#### **Payments:**

##### **Salaries:**

Supervisory and Clerical .....	\$	1,590.58
Visiting and Investigation .....		1,229.69
Employment Res. and Truck Foreman ....		1,312.00
Visitors' and Supervisory Expense, Travel ....		339.67
Office Supplies .....		67.54
Telephone .....		110.81
Printing and Postage .....		41.73
Office Equipment Maintenance .....		43.49
Social Service Index .....		12.40
Building Maintenance, including Janitor Service		508.17
Other .....		20.80

Total Payments .....	\$	5,276.88
Balance to Revenue .....		852.08

	\$	6,128.96	\$	6,128.96
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#### **General Aid 1943**

Appropriation .....	\$	28,600.00
Cash Refunds .....		310.55

#### **Payments:**

Cash Aid .....	\$	7,537.15
Food .....		751.85
Shelter .....		614.00
Clothing .....		246.71
Fuel and Light .....		303.02



Board .....		3,810.18	
Household Necessities .....		63.39	
Mass. Hospital School, Canton .....		300.83	
Division Child Guardianship, Comm. of Mass. ....		479.30	
State Infirmary, Tewksbury .....		63.00	
Burials .....		200.00	
Paid other Cities and Towns .....		1,027.75	
Medical:			
Doctors .....	\$	303.95	
Hospital .....		1,021.99	
Medicine .....		226.04	
Dental .....		122.50	
Optical .....		53.65	
Nursing .....		65.07	
Ambulance .....		50.00	1,843.20
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Unallocated Payments:			
Transportation of Recipients ....	\$	30.40	
Truck Maintenance .....		151.89	
Gasoline and Oil .....		76.72	
Wood Yard Expense .....		1.77	
Fed. Commodities Expense .....		7.00	267.78
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Total Payments .....			\$ 17,508.16
Transfers to:			
Old Age Assistance .....	\$	3,000.00	
Aid to Dependent Children Administrative...		100.00	
Honor Roll .....		800.00	
Moth Department .....		750.00	
Snow and Ice .....		1,500.00	
Balance to Revenue .....		5,252.39	
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		\$ 28,910.55	\$ 28,910.55
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<b>Aid to Dependent Children Administrative 1943</b>			
Appropriation .....			\$ 400.00
Federal Grants .....			546.60
Transfer from General Aid .....			100.00
Payments:			
Salaries:			
Supervisory and Clerical .....	\$	532.52	
Visiting and Investigation .....		395.67	
Visiting and Supervisory, Travel Expense ...		31.43	
Office Supplies .....		12.51	
Telephone .....		14.55	

Printing and Postage .....	18.52		
Office Equipment Maintenance .....	6.01		
Social Service Index .....	1.60		
Total Payments .....	\$ 1,012.81		
Balance to Revenue .....	33.79		
	\$ 1,046.60	\$ 1,046.60	

#### **Aid to Dependent Children 1943**

Appropriation .....		\$ 13,000.00	
Federal Grants .....		3,939.00	
Cash Refunds .....		37.09	
Payments:			
Regular Cash Assistance .....	\$ 15,730.32		
Special Cash Allowances:			
Medical:			
Doctors .....	\$ 201.50		
Dental .....	35.00		
Optical .....	20.30		
Medicine .....	56.41		
Hospital .....	141.60		
Ambulance .....	5.00	459.81	
Fuel .....		84.00	
Clothing .....		1.22	
Total Payments .....	\$ 16,275.35		
Balance to Revenue .....	700.74		
	\$ 16,976.09	\$ 16,976.09	

#### **Old Age Administrative — 1943**

Appropriation .....		\$ 4,000.00	
Federal Grants .....		1,731.23	
Payments:			
Salaries:			
Supervisory and Clerical .....	\$ 2,349.00		
Visiting and Investigation .....	2,614.99		
Office Supplies and Equipment .....	14.38		
Travel Expense .....	98.20		
Stationery and Printing .....	83.83		
Postage .....	60.00		
Telephone .....	99.51		
Office Building Maintenance .....	317.30		

Miscellaneous .....	83.45		
Total Payments .....	\$ 5,720.66		
Balance to Revenue .....	10.57		
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	\$ 5,731.23	\$ 5,731.23	
<b>Old Age Assistance—1943</b>			
Appropriation .....		\$ 63,900.00	
Federal Grants .....		51,807.79	
Transfer from General Aid .....		3,000.00	
Cash Refunds .....		284.87	
Payments:			
Regular Cash Assistance .....	\$109,911.65		
Special Cash Allowances:			
Medical:			
Doctors .....	\$ 1,436.65		
Hospitals .....	1,046.86		
Police Ambulance .....	33.00		
Medicine .....	993.03		
Nursing .....	627.71		
Optical .....	150.00		
Dental .....	62.00	4,349.25	
Fuel .....		20.55	
Clothing .....		30.61	
Payments to other Cities and Towns .....		854.05	
Payments on account of deceased persons:			
Burial Expense .....	\$ 965.00		
Doctors and Nursing .....	117.50		
Medicine .....	28.01		
Board and Care .....	135.49		
Hospitals .....	263.35		
Police Ambulance .....	38.00		
Other .....	15.90	1,563.25	
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Total Payments .....	\$116,729.36		
Balance to Revenue .....	2,263.30		
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	\$118,992.66	\$118,992.66	
Soldiers' Benefits, Appropriation .....		\$ 18,000.00	
Refunds .....		32.00	
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		\$ 18,032.00	
Cash Payments .....	\$ 8,709.50		
Food .....	44.00		

Fuel .....	279.63	
Clothing .....	19.02	
Board — rent .....	39.00	
Visiting Nurse, nursing care .....	149.15	
Hospital, med., medicine, ambulance charges	910.33	
Administrative:		
Agent's Salary, Expenses, and Clerk .....	1,415.90	
Office Supplies and Telephone .....	120.03	
Miscellaneous .....	16.03	
Total Payments .....	\$ 11,702.59	
Transferred to Recreation Acct. ....	\$ 4,500.00	
Transferred to Mun. Bldg. Repairs .....	350.00	
Transferred to Tercentenary Comm. ....	200.00	
Balance to Revenue .....	1,279.41	
	\$ 18,032.00	
W. P. A. Materials, Bal. from 1942 .....		\$ 53.73
Appropriation 1943 .....		700.00
Cash Refunds .....		20.34
		\$ 774.07
Administrative .....	\$ 268.84	
Building Account .....	181.57	
Drainage .....	264.56	
Recreation .....	4.01	
Federal Commodities .....	7.00	
Misc. Account .....	24.50	
Total Payments .....	\$ 750.48	
Balance to Revenue .....	23.59	
	\$ 774.07	
<b>Education</b>		
School Department General Salaries, Appro. ..		\$228,619.00
Supt., Principals, Teachers .....	\$184,371.72	
Substitutes .....	2,457.50	
Attendance Officer .....	2,199.77	
School Nurse .....	2,140.57	
Medical Inspection .....	929.38	
Janitors .....	22,340.60	
Clerical .....	9,863.74	
Total Payments .....	\$224,303.28	

Transferred to School Maintenance Acct...	3,000.00	
Balance to Revenue .....	1,315.72	
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	\$228,619.00	
School Department General Maintenance		
Appropriation .....		\$ 39,000.00
Transferred from Salaries Account .....		3,000.00
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		\$ 42,000.00
Textbooks .....	\$ 4,474.25	
Supplies .....	8,490.57	
General Control Expense .....	2,241.34	
Supervision Expense .....	402.68	
Principal's Office Expenses .....	308.06	
Commencement .....	272.30	
Other Expenses of Instruction .....	884.91	
Compulsory Attendance .....	137.50	
Medical Service .....	30.30	
Nurse Service .....	378.42	
Fuel .....	8,184.07	
Other Expenses of Operation .....	7,157.19	
Maintenance .....	4,396.39	
Capital Outlay .....	2,851.14	
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Total Payments .....	\$ 40,209.12	
Balance to Revenue .....	1,790.88	
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	\$ 42,000.00	
Transportation Appropriation .....		\$ 9,500.00
Expended .....	\$ 6,701.94	
Balance to Revenue .....	2,798.06	
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	\$ 9,500.00	
School Cafeteria's Appropriation .....		\$ 14,000.00
Transfer from Industrial Tuition Account ....		500.00
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		\$ 14,500.00
Pay Roll .....	\$ 3,406.15	
Supplies .....	10,208.30	
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Total Payments .....	\$ 13,614.45	
Balance to Revenue .....	885.55	
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	\$ 14,500.00	

Industrial Tuition Appropriation .....		\$ 2,000.00
City of Boston .....	\$ 98.99	
City of Malden .....	130.90	
City of Medford .....	303.95	
City of Somerville .....	196.96	
City of Lowell .....	99.15	
Essex County .....	60.00	
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Total Payments .....	\$ 889.95	
Transferred to School Cafeteria Account ..	500.00	
Balance to Revenue .....	610.05	
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	\$ 2,000.00	
<b>Public Library</b>		
Public Library Salaries, Appropriation .....		\$ 6,044.00
Librarian, Salary .....	\$ 1,845.29	
Assistants .....	3,285.23	
Janitor .....	913.21	
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Total Payments .....	\$ 6,043.73	
Balance to Revenue .....	.27	
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	\$ 6,044.00	
Public Library Maintenance, Appro. ....		\$ 3,300.00
Refund .....		.60
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		\$ 3,300.60
Fuel, Light, Water and Sewer .....	\$ 420.73	
Telephone .....	47.69	
Printing and Supplies .....	156.09	
Maintenance and Repairs .....	377.01	
Books, Periodicals and Binding .....	2,249.47	
Miscellaneous .....	49.51	
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Total Payments .....	\$ 3,300.50	
Balance to Revenue .....	.10	
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	\$ 3,300.60	
Cemeteries, Appropriation .....		\$ 10,000.00
Transfer from Cemetery Reserve Fund .....		1,000.00
Transfer from Cemetery Bequest Fund .....		2,295.73
Transfer from Care Soldiers' Graves .....		32.00
Transfer from Fire Loss Account .....		382.00
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		\$ 13,709.73



Superintendent's Salary .....	\$ 3,016.00	
Pay Rolls .....	8,670.83	
Materials and Supplies .....	1,912.05	
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Total Payments .....	\$ 13,598.88	
Balance to Revenue .....	110.85	
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	\$ 13,709.73	
Care Soldiers' Graves, Appropriation .....		\$ 600.00
Pay Roll .....	\$ 568.00	
Materials and Supplies .....	32.00	
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Total Payments .....	\$ 600.00	

#### Department of Public Works

Administrative Office, Appropriation .....		\$ 5,900.00
Superintendent's Salary .....	\$ 3,531.89	
Clerical .....	1,641.88	
Telephones .....	239.73	
Office Supplies .....	227.86	
Printing .....	40.50	
Engineering Supplies .....	141.20	
Miscellaneous .....	10.80	
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Total Payments .....	\$ 5,833.86	
Balance to Revenue .....	\$ 66.14	
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	\$ 5,900.00	

#### Highway Department:

Appropriation .....	\$ 40,000.00	
Transfer from Victory Garden Acct. ....	224.12	
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	\$ 40,224.12	

#### Payments:

Pay Roll .....	\$ 24,226.67
Road Material .....	4,838.43
Curbing .....	199.50
Supplies and Tools .....	1,522.98
Road Machinery Acct. ....	8,014.32
All Other .....	670.01
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Total Payments .....	\$ 39,471.91
Transfer to Chap. 90 Maintenance .....	\$ 750.00

Balance to Revenue .....	2.21	
	<u>\$ 40,224.12</u>	
Maintenance of Storm Drains:		
Appropriation .....		\$ 4,000.00
Pay Roll .....	\$ 3,747.25	
Supplies and Misc. ....	<u>252.75</u>	
Total Payments .....	\$ 4,000.00	
Storm Drain Development:		
Appropriation .....		\$ 4,200.00
Pay Roll .....	\$ 2,403.78	
Pipe and Supplies .....	<u>1,796.22</u>	
Total Payments .....	\$ 4,200.00	
Sidewalk Maintenance and Construction:		
Appropriation .....		\$ 3,300.00
Pay Roll .....	\$ 2,372.80	
Materials, etc. ....	<u>459.97</u>	
Total Payments .....	\$ 2,832.77	
Balance to Revenue .....	<u>\$ 467.23</u>	
	\$ 3,300.00	
Snow and Ice Removal:		
Appropriation .....		\$ 13,500.00
Pay Roll .....	\$ 8,777.06	
Plowing and Hauling .....	748.88	
Repairs and Supplies .....	1,337.76	
Road Machinery Account .....	<u>1,290.08</u>	
Total Payments .....	\$ 12,153.78	
Balance to Revenue .....	<u>1,346.22</u>	
	\$ 13,500.00	
Chapter 90 Maintenance:		
Transferred from Highway Dept. ....		\$ 750.00
Aid from State .....		750.00
Aid from County .....		<u>750.00</u>
		\$ 2,250.00
Pay Roll .....	\$ 369.54	
Road Material .....	<u>1,437.41</u>	

Road Machinery Account .....	443.05	
Total Payments .....	\$ 2,250.00	
Road Machinery Fund .....		\$ 9,850.00
Balance Forward from 1942 .....		216.73
Receipts: Refunds from Gas Tax, etc. ....		256.05
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		\$ 10,322.78
Repairs to equipment, gasoline and oil ....	\$ 9,386.46	
Balance to 1944 .....	936.32	
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	\$ 10,322.78	
John Street Dump:		
Appropriation .....		\$ 1,400.00
Pay Roll .....	\$ 1,400.00	
Drainage System Installation:		
Balance from 1942 .....		\$ 2,920.98
Appro. 12/13/43 .....		2,000.00
Receipts: Refunds, Gas Tax, Etc. ....		17.70
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		\$ 4,938.68
Pay Roll .....	\$ 2,608.77	
Legal Services .....	33.25	
Misc. Supplies and Tools .....	118.39	
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Total Payments .....	\$ 2,760.41	
Balance to 1944 .....	2,178.27	
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	\$ 4,938.68	
Sewer Department Maint. and Const. and Int.:		
Appropriation .....		\$ 9,200.00
Pay Roll .....	\$ 3,577.72	
Int. on Bonds .....	1,450.00	
Insurance .....	623.65	
Tools and Supplies .....	903.39	
Road Machinery Acct. ....	855.66	
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Total Payments .....	\$ 7,410.42	
Balance to Revenue .....	1,789.58	
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	\$ 9,200.00	
Sewer Department House Connection:		
Appropriation .....		\$ 1,700.00
Pay Roll .....	\$ 1,212.44	

Pipe and Misc. ....	253.46	
Total Payments .....	\$ 1,465.90	
Balance to Revenue .....	234.10	
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	\$ 1,700.00	
Water Department, Maintenance, Construction, Bonds and Interest Appropriation .....		\$ 52,400.00
Refund .....		28.69
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		\$ 52,428.69
Pay Roll .....	\$ 21,084.17	
Bonds .....	9,000.00	
Interest on Bonds .....	685.00	
Insurance .....	1,849.77	
Telephones .....	160.77	
Light and Power .....	5,389.91	
New Meters .....	100.80	
Supplies, Tools and Fittings .....	2,443.28	
Fuel .....	646.49	
Coke Bed .....	1,608.13	
Road Machinery Acct. ....	1,099.10	
All Other .....	\$ 1,358.61	
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Total Payments .....	\$ 45,426.03	
Balance to Water Reserve .....	7,002.66	
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	\$ 52,428.69	

#### **Municipal Light Department**

Balance from 1942 .....		\$ 31,553.14
Receipts:		
Sales Light and Power .....		367,269.59
Merchandise and Jobbing .....		20,401.62
Street Light Appropriation .....		14,000.00
Miscellaneous .....		39,386.71
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		\$472,611.06
Payments:		
Operation and Maintenance .....	\$ 76,062.71	
New Construction .....	2,119.43	
Elec. Energy Purchased .....	155,887.14	
Salaries and Wages .....	99,789.72	
Taxes .....	5,106.00	

Insurance .....	3,184.90
Bonds and Notes .....	22,000.00
Interest .....	2,022.50
Paid to Treasurer .....	35,000.00
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Total Payments .....	\$401,172.40
Balance to 1944 .....	71,438.66
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	\$472,611.06

#### **Municipal Light Dept. Special Account**

Balance from 1942 .....		\$ 8,000.00
Payments .....	\$ 2,000.00	
Balance to 1944 .....	6,000.00	
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	\$ 8,000.00	

#### **Interest, Not Inc. Water, Light and Sewer**

Appropriation .....		\$ 5,621.25
Elementary School .....	\$ 1,505.00	
Relief Loans .....	563.75	
Drainage .....	412.50	
Municipal Garage .....	202.50	
Fire Equipment .....	65.00	
Storm Damage .....	50.00	
County Hospital .....	22.50	
Temporary Loans .....	6.89	
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Total Payments .....	\$ 2,828.14	
Transferred to Special Drainage Acct. ....	2,000.00	
Balance to Revenue .....	793.11	
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	\$ 5,621.25	
Maturing Debt, Not Inc. Water, Light .....		\$ 47,000.00
Relief Loans .....	\$ 20,000.00	
Sewer .....	7,000.00	
Drainage .....	7,000.00	
Elementary School .....	6,000.00	
Fire Equipment .....	2,000.00	

Municipal Garage .....	2,000.00
Storm Damage .....	2,000.00
County Hospital .....	1,000.00
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	\$ 47,000.00

#### Insurance Account

Appropriation .....	\$ 15,850.90
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#### Receipts:

Municipal Light Dept. ....	\$ 2,947.47	
Water Dept. ....	1,849.77	
Sewer Dept. ....	623.65	
Refunds .....	28.00	5,448.89
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		\$ 21,299.79

#### Payments:

War Damage .....	\$ 3,604.90
Fire Schedule .....	5,057.17
Workmen's Compensation .....	3,596.56
Public Liability .....	566.87
Safe Burglary and Robbery .....	418.89
Auto Pub. Liab. and Prop. Damage .....	2,997.38
Auto Fire and Theft .....	413.43
Boiler .....	1,921.74
Surety Bonds .....	807.00
Machinery Breakage .....	486.07
All risks—money .....	296.34
Miscellaneous .....	153.75
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Total Payments .....	\$ 20,320.10
Transferred to Victory Gardens .....	\$ 600.00
Balance to Revenue .....	379.69
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	\$ 21,299.79

#### Reserve Fund

Appropriation .....	\$ 4,000.00
Miscellaneous Expense Account .....	\$ 400.00
Town Forest .....	824.80
Memorial Day Observance .....	150.00
Municipal Building Account .....	200.00



Police Dept. Maintenance .....	51.50	
Election and Registration Account .....	50.00	
Total Payments .....	\$ 1,676.30	
Balance to Revenue .....	2,323.70	
	\$ 4,000.00	
<b>Memorial Day Observance</b>		
Appropriation .....		\$ 600.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund .....		150.00
		\$ 750.00
Payments .....	\$ 733.30	
Balance to Revenue .....	16.70	
	\$ 750.00	
<b>Rent American Legion Quarters</b>		
Appropriation .....		\$ 1,500.00
Reading Veteran's Association .....	\$ 1,500.00	
<b>Land Court Expenses</b>		
Appropriation .....		\$ 250.00
Payments, Land Court .....	\$ 227.20	
Balance to Revenue .....	22.80	
	\$ 250.00	
<b>Town Forest</b>		
Appropriation .....		\$ 300.00
Transfers from Reserve Fund .....		824.80
		\$ 1,124.80
Pay Roll .....	\$ 1,124.80	
<b>Publication Street List</b>		
Appropriation .....		\$ 550.00
Reading Chronicle Press .....	\$ 545.00	
Balance to Revenue .....	5.00	
	\$ 550.00	
<b>Personal Injuries, Joseph M. Greene</b>		
Appropriation .....		\$ 13.00
Thomas F. Halpin, M.D. ....	\$ 13.00	

**Honor Roll**

Transfer from Public Welfare Account .....		\$	800.00
Payments .....	\$	628.77	
Balance to Revenue .....		171.23	
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	\$	800.00	

**Excess and Deficiency Account**

Balance Jan. 1, 1943 .....		\$102,771.58	
Receipts Redemption of Property .....		4,111.30	
Abatements .....		44.07	
Additional Poll Tax Commitment .....		276.93	
Transfer Receipts in excess of estimates .....		28,071.28	
Transfer Unexpended Balances .....		28,310.39	
Transfer Aid to Highways .....		621.26	
Adjustment entries .....		1,075.24	
Sale of land .....		255.00	
Transfer from Tax Titles ... ..	\$	2,704.08	
Adjustment entries .....		53.63	
Balance to 1944 .....		162,779.34	
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	\$165,537.05	\$165,537.05	

**Outstanding Debt Balancing Account**

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1943 .....		\$409,500.00	
Loans paid in 1943:			
Fire Equipment .....	\$	2,000.00	
Light Department .....		21,000.00	
Water Department .....		6,000.00	
Sewer Department .....		7,000.00	
Middlesex County Hospital .....		1,000.00	
Municipal Relief .....		20,000.00	
Municipal Garage .....		2,000.00	
Drainage 1939 .....		2,000.00	
Drainage 1941 .....		5,000.00	
Storm Emergency .....		5,000.00	
Elementary School .....		6,000.00	
Water Filtration Plant .....		3,000.00	
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	\$	80,000.00	
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1943 .....		\$329,500.00	
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	\$409,500.00		

# TOWN DEBT DETAIL OF MATURITIES

Year	Municipal Relief	Elementary School	Municipal Garage	County Hospital	Drainage 1939	Drainage 1941	Water Dept.	Water Filtration	Sewer Dept.	Municipal Light Dept.	Storm Damage	Fire Equipment	Totals
1944	\$12,000	\$5,000	\$2,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$5,000	\$6,000	\$3,000	\$7,000	\$21,000	\$5,000	\$2,000	\$70,000
1945	11,000	6,000	2,000			5,000	6,000	3,000	6,000	18,000	2,000	2,000	61,000
1946	2,000	6,000	2,000			5,000	4,000		6,000	16,000	2,000	1,500	44,500
1947	2,000	6,000	2,000			4,000			6,000	14,000	2,000		36,000
1948	2,000	6,000				4,000			2,000	8,000	2,000		24,000
1949	2,000	5,000				4,000			2,000	5,000	2,000		20,000
1950		5,000				4,000				4,000			13,000
1951		5,000				4,000				4,000			13,000
1952		5,000								2,000			7,000
1953		5,000								2,000			7,000
1954		5,000								2,000			7,000
1955		5,000								2,000			7,000
1956		5,000								1,000			6,000
1957		5,000								1,000			6,000
1958		5,000								1,000			6,000
1959										1,000			1,000
	\$31,000	\$80,000	\$8,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$35,000	\$16,000	\$6,000	\$29,000	\$102,000	\$15,000	\$5,500	\$329,500

## LOANS IN ANTICIPATION OF REVENUE

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1943 .....	\$225,000.00
Paid in 1943:	
November 5 .....	\$225,000.00

## TRUST FUNDS CASH AND SECURITIES

Balance Jan. 1, 1943 .....	\$269,388.42	
Hospital Fund Income .....	4,388.41	
Cemetery Bequest Fund Income .....	2,356.45	
Cemetery Bequest Fund Bequests .....	3,690.00	
R. H. S. Scholarship Fund Income .....	100.62	
Public Library Fund Income .....	21.11	
Public Library Fund Income (H. G. Wadlin) ..	36.46	
Hospital Fund Payments:		
For Hospital Care .....		\$ 1,109.62
For Administrative Expenses .....		120.00
Cemetery Bequest Fund Payments:		
For Care Endowed Lots .....		2,295.73
R. H. S. Scholarship Fund Payments:		
For Scholarships .....		75.00
Library Fund for Books .....		55.50
Loss on Sale .....		3,915.00
Balance Dec. 31, 1943 .....	272,410.62	
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	\$279,981.47	\$279,981.47

### Hospital Fund

Balance Jan. 1, 1943 .....	\$172,051.49	
Receipts Income .....	4,388.41	
Loss on Sale .....	\$ 3,915.00	
Payments for Hospital Care and Adm. ....	1,229.62	
Balance Dec. 31, 1943 .....	171,295.28	
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	\$176,439.90	\$176,439.90

### Cemetery Bequest Fund

Balance Jan. 1, 1943 .....	\$ 89,418.26	
Receipts .....	6,046.45	
Payments for Care Lots and Graves .....	\$ 2,295.73	
Balance Dec. 31, 1943 .....	93,168.98	
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	\$ 95,464.71	\$ 95,464.71

### Reading High School Scholarship Fund

Balance Jan. 1, 1943 .....		\$ 5,053.28
Receipts .....		100.62
Payments for Scholarships .....	\$ 75.00	
Balance Dec. 31, 1943 .....	5,078.90	
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	\$ 5,153.90	\$ 5,153.90

### Library Fund

Balance Jan. 1, 1943 .....		\$ 1,050.92
Receipts .....		21.11
Balance Dec. 31, 1943 .....	1,072.03	
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	\$ 1,072.03	\$ 1,072.03

### Library Fund H. G. Wadlin

Balance Jan. 1, 1943 .....		\$ 1,814.47
Receipts .....		36.46
Books .....	55.50	
Balance Dec. 31, 1943 .....	1,795.43	
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	\$ 1,850.93	\$ 1,850.93

## STATEMENT OF INVESTED FUNDS

### Hospital Fund

Investments Listed at Par or Less:

\$ 5,000 Chicago B. & Q. R. R. Co., Ill., Div. "M" 3½'s 1949 .....	\$ 5,000.00
\$ 4,050—100 Shares First National Bank, Boston .....	\$ 4,050.00
\$ 5,000 Ill. Cent. R. R. Co., Tr. 4's, 1952 .....	5,000.00
\$17,000 U. S. Savings Bonds Series G. ....	17,000.00
\$ 5,000 Ill. Cent. R. R. Co., St. Louis Div. 1st M. 3's 1951 .....	5,000.00
\$ 5,000 U. S. Treasury Bonds 4½'s, 1952-1947 .....	5,000.00
\$10,000 U. S. Treasury Bonds, 2½'s, 1955 Series G. ....	10,000.00
\$ 3,000 U. S. Treasury Bonds, 2½'s, 1954 Series G. ....	3,000.00
\$10,000 U. S. Treasury 3 ¾'s, 1947-1943 .....	10,000.00
\$ 6,000 Bell Telephone of Penna. 1st Ref. B. 5's, 1948 ..	6,000.00
\$ 5,000 Chicago B. & Q. R. R. Co., Ill., Div. 4's, 1949 ...	5,000.00

\$ 7,000 U. S. Savings Bonds 1949 Series D. ....	5,250.00
\$ 5,000 Penn. R. R. Co. Gen. Mort. 4½'s, 1965 .....	5,000.00
American Mfg. Co., Common, 72 shares .....	1.00
Home Bleachery & Dye Works, Pfg., 2 Shares .....	11.00
Sharp Mfg. Co., Pfg., 55 Shares .....	1.00
Sharp Mfg. Co., Comm. 20 Shares (10921300) .....	1.00
Andover Savings Bank, No. 39860 .....	5,461.00
Charlestown Five Cents Savings Bank, No. 162338 ....	5,750.24
Essex Savings Bank, Lawrence, No. 230778 .....	8,621.81
Mechanics Savings Bank, No. 9189 .....	6,729.93
First National Bank, Reading, Savings Dept., No. 6435	6,000.72
Chelsea Savings Bank No. 154784 .....	6,084.91
Danvers Savings Bank, No. 2189 .....	1,225.60
Dedham Institution for Savings No. 72053 .....	3,428.23
Franklin Savings Bank, Boston, No. 187890 .....	2,315.99
Lynn Five Cent Savings Bank, No. 244496 .....	2,266.62
Malden Savings Bank, No. 141347 .....	6,398.13
Melrose Savings Bank No. 52937 .....	2,315.75
Provident Institution for Savings, Boston, No. 615034 ..	9,310.33
Wakefield Savings Bank, No. 45111 .....	4,574.61
Warren Institution for Savings, Boston, No. 135648 ....	5,870.77
Woburn Five Cents Savings Bank, No. 63401 .....	5,249.85
Cash in General Fund .....	4,376.79

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\$171,295.28

### Cemetery Bequest Fund

#### Investments Listed at Par :

\$10,000.00 U. S. Savings Bonds, Series G. ....	\$ 10,000.00
\$ 5,000 N. E. Tel. 1st Mort. 5's, Series A, 1952 .....	5,000.00
\$ 5,000 No. Pac. Ry. Ref. and Imp. 6's, Series B2047 ....	5,000.00
\$ 4,000 N. Y. C. R. R. Ref. Imp. 5's, Series C2013 .....	4,000.00
Blackstone Savings Bank, Boston, No. 10672 .....	999.34
Home Savings Bank, Boston, No. 368204 .....	2,465.74
Boston Five Cents Savings Bank, No. 948228 .....	10,869.00
Andover Savings Bank, No. 40177 .....	5,076.45
Cambridge Savings Bank, No. 89112 .....	5,224.50
Essex Savings Bank, Lawrence, No. 230779 .....	5,172.93
Mechanics Savings Bank, Reading, No. 5103 .....	4,337.39
\$17,000 U. S. Treasury Bonds, 2½'s, 1954 .....	17,000.00
Mechanics Savings Bank, Reading No. 10714 .....	4,651.02
Malden Savings Bank, No. 137262 .....	6,566.70



Woburn Five Cents Savings Bank, No. 61052 .....	6,273.41
Cash in General Fund .....	532.50
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	\$ 93,168.48

#### **Library Fund**

##### **Investment:**

Boston Five Cents Savings Bank, No. 987334 .....	\$ 1,072.03
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#### **Library Fund**

##### **Horace G. Wadlin Fund**

##### **Investment:**

Boston Five Cents Savings Bank, No. 1079095 .....	\$ 1,795.43
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#### **Reading High School Scholarship Fund**

##### **Investments:**

Andover Savings Bank, No. 39861 .....	\$ 1,000.00
Charlestown Five Cents Savings Bank, No. 161863 .....	3,000.00
Essex Savings Bank, Lawrence, No. 230306 .....	1,000.00
First National Bank, Reading, Savings Dept. No. 5624..	78.90
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	\$ 5,078.90

I hereby certify that, in accordance with the provisions of Section 55, Chapter 41 of the General Laws, I have audited the account of the Commissioners of Trust Funds, have examined the securities and verified bank balances and report the foregoing to be a true and accurate statement, December 31, 1943.

LEON G. BENT,  
Town Accountant

# TOWN OF READING

## BALANCE SHEET

### ASSETS

Cash in Banks and Offices .....	
Municipal Light Consumers' Deposit Fund	
Accounts Receivable:	
Taxes: Levy of 1942 .....	\$ 23,346.37
Levy of 1943 .....	71,921.21
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Taxes Special Chap. 227 Acts 1941 .....	
Motor Vehicle Excise—	
Levy of 1943 .....	23.75
Special Assessments:	85.50
Moth and Tree Work 1942 .....	<hr/>
Moth and Tree Work 1943 .....	347.39
Sewer Assts. Unapportioned .....	
Sewer Assts. and Int. added to taxes	
1942 .....	6.25
Sewer Assts. and Int. added to taxes	
1943 .....	79.43
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Sewer H. C. Assts., Unapportioned ..	452.19
Sewer H. C. Assts. and Int. added to	
Taxes 1942 .....	14.11
Sewer H. C. Assts. and Int. added to	

### LIABILITIES

Municipal Light Dept. Consumers' De-	
posits .....	\$ 12,440.54
Taxes Special Chap. 227 Acts 1941 .....	1,891.21
Overlay 1942 .....	9,416.42
Overlay 1943 .....	19,086.46
Premium and Interest .....	820.08
Hospital Fund Transfer Account .....	4,376.79
Cemetery Bequest Fund Transfer Acct. ..	532.50
Unexpended Appropriation Balances .....	8,228.75
Cemetery Reserve Fund .....	5,419.02
State Parks and Reservations .....	17.10
Special Funds:	
Edw. W. & Phillips H. Raymond Fund	\$ 16.78
Morrison Fund .....	9.23
Baseball Fund .....	72.00
Dog License Fees due County .....	34.80
Fishing and Hunting License fees due	
State .....	5.25
Special Welfare Account .....	10.00
Salvage Funds .....	2,874.51
Recovery Account .....	589.54
Victory Tax .....	4,129.26
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	7,741.37

Taxes 1943 .....	31.39	497.69	Tailings Account .....	505.51
Sewer Rentals .....		1,204.04	Reserve Fund Overlay Surplus .....	465.35
S. & C. Unapportioned .....	49.87		Mun. Light Dept. Maint. Account .....	71,438.66
S.&C. Assts. & Int. added to taxes 1942 .....	100.88		Underground Extension .....	1,431.59
S.&C. Assts. & Int. added to taxes 1943 .....	161.06	311.81	Special Account .....	6,000.00
Highway Assts. and Int. added to Taxes 1942 .....	160.46		Revenue Reserved until collected:	
Highway Assts. and Int. added to Taxes 1943 .....	423.89		Motor Vehicle Excise .....	\$ 330.77
Loans Authorized .....		584.35	Moth and Tree Assessments .....	109.25
Tax Titles .....		7,000.00	Sewer Assts. and Interest .....	433.07
Tax Possessions .....		6,324.08	Sewer H. C. Assts. and Interest .....	497.69
Departmental Accounts Receivable .....		4,907.20	Sewer Rentals .....	1,204.04
Water Rates .....	4,539.80	27,245.45	Sidewalk Assts. and Interest .....	311.81
Water Liens added to Taxes 1942 .....	14.67		Highway Assts. and Interest .....	584.35
Water Liens added to Taxes 1943 .....	80.92		Tax Titles .....	6,324.08
Municipal Light Dept. Accts. Receivable .....		40,124.58	Tax Possessions .....	4,907.20
Overlay Deficit 1941 .....		468.89	Departmental Accounts .....	27,245.45
County Tax Deficit .....		1,077.55	Water Rates and Liens .....	4,635.39
Metropolitan Sewer Deficit .....		132.51	Municipal Light Dept. Accounts Rec.	40,124.58
			Water Department Available Surplus .....	\$ 27,316.81
			Real Estate Account .....	3,291.00
			Fire Loss Special Account .....	288.00
			Road Machinery Account .....	12,775.77
			Road Machinery Fund .....	936.32
			Loans Authorized Unissued .....	7,000.00
			Surplus Revenue (Excess & Deficiency)	162,779.34
				\$450,906.27

# **BALANCE SHEET (continued)** **DEFERRED ACCOUNTS**

Apportioned Sewer Assts. not due .....  
 Apportioned Sewer H. C. Assts. not due.  
 Apportioned Sidewalk Assts. not due ...  
 Apportioned Highway Assts. not due ....

\$ 1,641.80 Apport. Sewer Assts. Rev. 1944-1953 ....  
 398.31 Apport. Sewer H.C. Assts. Rev. 1944-1953  
 5,291.11 Apport Sidewalk Assts. Rev. 1944-1953 ..  
 10,521.07 Apport. Highway Assts. Rev. 1944-1953 ..

\$ 1,641.80  
 398.31  
 5,291.11  
 10,521.07  
 \$ 17,852.29

## **DEBT ACCOUNT**

Loans Outstanding .....

\$329,500.00 Municipal Relief 1935 .....  
 Municipal Relief 1939 .....  
 Municipal Relief 1940 .....  
 Elementary School .....  
 Municipal Garage .....  
 Middlesex County Hospital .....  
 Drainage System Loan 1939 .....  
 Drainage System Loan 1941 .....  
 Sewer .....  
 Fire Equipment Loan .....  
 Storm Emergency Loan .....  
 Public Service Enterprises:  
   Municipal Light Loans .....  
   Water Dept. ....  
   Water Filtration Plant .....

\$ 6,000.00  
 13,000.00  
 12,000.00  
 80,000.00  
 8,000.00  
 1,000.00  
 1,000.00  
 35,000.00  
 29,000.00  
 5,500.00  
 15,000.00  
 102,000.00  
 16,000.00  
 6,000.00  
 \$329,500.00

# **TRUST FUNDS, CASH AND SECURITIES**

Trust Funds, Cash and Securities .....		
	\$ 272,410.62	\$ 171,295.28
Hospital Fund .....		93,168.98
Cemetery Fund .....		5,078.90
R. H. S. Scholarship Fund .....		1,072.03
Public Library .....		1,795.43
Public Library, H. G. Wadlin .....		
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	\$ 272,410.62	\$ 272,410.62

# **CONTRIBUTORY RETIREMENT FUND**

## **ASSETS**

Contributory Retirement Fund Cash .....	
Contributory Retirement Fund:	
Savings Bank Deposits .....	
Co-operative Bank Shares .....	
Other Securities .....	
Accrued Interest on Investments .....	

## **LIABILITIES**

	\$ 2,006.47	\$ 28,535.13
Annuity Savings Group I .....		3,293.38
Annuity Savings Group II .....		881.89
Annuity Reserve Group I .....	6,045.00	678.19
Annuity Reserve Group II .....	7,760.80	27,763.28
Pension Accumulation Fund Group I .....	51,003.67	4,922.86
Pension Accumulation Fund Group II .....	630.81	60.49
Expense Account .....		1,311.53
Investment Income .....		
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	\$ 67,446.75	\$ 67,446.75
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	\$ 1,138,115.93	\$ 1,138,115.93

## REPORT OF THE CONTRIBUTORY RETIREMENT BOARD

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

The total membership of the Contributory Retirement System December 31, 1942 was 145. During the year 1943 seven members were admitted to the system, eleven withdrew, three were retired, and one member deceased, making a total membership of 137 active members.

The following is the financial statement for the year ended December 31, 1943.

### CONTRIBUTORY RETIREMENT FUND 1943

#### Receipts

Balance January 1, 1943 .....	\$ 3,507.09
Receipts 1943:	
Withdrawn from Cooperative	
Bank .....	\$ 692.80
Securities Matured .....	3,000.00
Securities Sold .....	4,053.00
Income on Investments ....	2,012.72
Contributions by Members ...	10,120.87
Appropriation by Town:	
Pension Accumulation Fund ..	17,517.00
Expense Fund .....	300.00
Interest Deficiency .....	690.90
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	\$ 38,387.29
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	\$ 41,894.38

#### Expenditures

Payments 1943	
Investments .....	\$ 25,207.50
Accrued Interest .....	135.55
Pensions .....	12,239.64
Annuities .....	165.40
Refunds to Members .....	1,709.87
Administration Expense .....	429.95
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	\$ 39,887.91
Balance December 31, 1943 .....	2,006.47
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	\$ 41,894.38



## Assets

Cash First Nat'l Bank .....	\$ 2,006.47
Deposits on Interest:	
Mechanics Savings Bank Bk. 19442 .....	\$ 3,045.00
Melrose Savings Bank Bk. 57239 .....	1,000.00
Natick 5c Savings Bank Bk. 60456 .....	1,000.00
Pilgrim Trust Co., Boston Bk. 6254 .....	1,000.00
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	\$ 6,045.00

### Co-operative Bank Shares:

Reading Co-operative Bank Bk. 9407 .....	1,345.80
Lexington Co-operative Bank Bk. 5446 ....	1,246.40
Wakefield Co-operative Bank Bk. 8158 ....	1,340.80
Concord Co-operative Bank Bk. 5491 .....	1,210.80
Citizen's Co-operative Bank, Haverhill Bk. 10941 .....	1,398.40
Roger Conant Co-operative Bank, Salem Bk. 12851 .....	1,217.60
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	\$ 7,760.80

### Investments:

\$2,000 Cambria & Clearfield Ry Co. 4's 1955	\$ 2,057.78
3,000 Central Maine Power Co. 3½'s 1972	3,286.98
5,000 Great Northern Ry Co. 5½'s 1952 ...	5,159.87
1,000 Great Northern Ry. Co. 5's 1973 .....	1,059.55
4,000 Louisville & Nashville R. R. Co. 4½'s 2003 .....	4,030.00
3,000 Louisville & Nashville R. R. Co. 3's 1980 .....	2,483.93
5,000 Northern Pacific Ry. 4's 1997 .....	3,871.65
3,000 Pacific Gas & Electric Co. 3¾'s 1961	3,301.28
1,000 Reading Co. 4½'s 1997 .....	844.99
2,000 Reading Co. 4½'s 1997 .....	1,689.99
2,000 Reading Co. 4½'s 1997 ..	1,689.98
5,000 Schuylkill & Lehigh R. R. Co. 4's 1948	5,000.00
2,000 Texas & Pacific Ry. Co. 5's 2000 ....	2,020.00
2,000 Texas & Pacific Ry. Co. 5's 2000 .....	2,020.00
1,000 Westchester Lighting Co. 3½'s 1967	1,103.53
2,000 Westchester Lighting Co. 3½'s 1967	2,207.07
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5,000 U. S. Savings Bond Series G .....	5,000.00	
20 Shares National Shawmut Bank Boston, Cert. No. 34674 .....	500.00	
30 Shares First National Bank, Boston, Cert. No. 183404 and 194626 .....	1,470.00	
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		\$ 51,003.67
Accrued Interest on Investments .....		630.81
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		\$ 67,446.75

### Liabilities

#### Annuity Savings Fund:

Group 1 .....	\$ 28,535.13	
Group 2 .....	3,293.38	
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		\$ 31,828.51

#### Annuity Reserve Fund:

Group 1 .....	\$ 881.89	
Group 2 .....	678.19	
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		\$ 1,560.08

#### Pension Accumulation Fund:

Group 1 .....	\$ 27,763.28	
Group 2 .....	4,922.86	
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		\$ 32,686.14
Expense Fund .....		\$ 60.49
Undistributed Income .....		\$ 1,311.53
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		\$ 67,446.75

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JOHN J. O'BRIEN

Contributory Retirement Board

# TOWN OF READING — POPULATION 10,866

Years	Valuation	1941	Valuation Abatements in	1943	Total Abatements	Net Valuation
1941	.....	\$ 17,427,855.	\$ 252,764.	\$ 54,189.	\$ 13,473.	\$ 320,426.
Excise	.....	898,083.	55,899.	10,407.		\$ 17,107,429.
1942	.....	17,560,707.		119,458.	9,185.	66,306.
Excise	.....	724,463.		18,470.	7,060.	128,643.
1943	.....	17,596,044.			25,530.	17,432,064.
Excise	.....	489,510.		189,971.	189,971.	698,933.
	.....			10,429.	10,429.	17,406,073.
	.....					479,081.
Totals	.....	\$ 54,696,662.	\$ 308,663.	\$ 202,524.	\$ 230,118.	\$ 741,305.
Val. 1943	.....	\$ 17,596,044.00				\$ 53,955,357.

Net Valuation for 3 Years ....\$53,955,357.

Average Valuation for 3 Years. 17,985,119.

3% of Average Valuation ..... 593,553.

Ratio of Debt. to Valuation: Gen. \$1.14 Enterprise W 0.12 Total \$1.82

L 0.56

0.68

	Total Debt	Sinking Funds	Net Debt
Debt inside limit	\$ 13,500.	.....	\$ 13,500.
Debt outside limit	192,000.	.....	192,000.
L 102,000 }	124,000.	.....	124,000.
W 22,000 }			
			\$ 329,500.
Available Borrowing Capacity on January 1, 1944.....\$526,053.			

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